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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

The Pope was taken suddenly ill yesterday while receiving the cardinals. —— The Trigg Shipbuilding Co., of Richmond, Va., has been placed in the hands of a receiver. —— Fire at Hickory, N. C.; loss estimated at $50,000. —— Rev. Frederick Temple, archbishop of Canterbury, is dead. —— Near Jackson, Tenn., Miss Lizzie Hillhouse shot and fatally wounded a young man named Marsh. John Miller found dead near Winston, N. C., is believed to have been murdered. —— Ex-President Cleveland has returned from a duck shooting trip in South Carolina. —— Two large mills of the Roper Lumber Co., at Norfolk, Va., were destroyed by fire last night. —— Two men were killed and another man fatally injured by a boiler explosion on a tow boat near Norfolk, Va. —— At Pensacola, Fla., Walker Humphreys shot and killed W. M. Barnett. —— —— New York markets: Money on call firm at 5½@10 per cent.; cotton quiet at 8.75c; flour steady; wheat—spot steady, corn—spot No. 2 63c; oats—spot steady, No. 2 38c, rosin firm. spirits turpentine firm.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 23.

Meteorological data for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 P. M.:

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 46 degrees; 8 P. M., 43 degrees; maximum, 54 degrees; minimum, 43 degrees; mean, 48 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since 1st of month to date, 3.26.

Stage of water in the Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, N. C., at 8 A. M. 14.8 feet and rising.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—For North Carolina: Fair Wednesday; fresh north to northwest winds; Thursday fair, colder in west and central portions.

Port Almanac--December 24.

Sun Rises	7.08 A. M.
Sun Sets	4.50 P. M.
Day's Length	9 H. 38 M.
High Water at Southport	4.06 P. M.
High Water Wilmington	6.36 P. M.

Some one in Washington wants a national theatre, as in France. Isn't Congress playhouse enough?

If President Roosevelt peremptorly declines, there are lots of men who would take that Venezuelan arbitration job.

A Venezuela man in Chicago says President Castro is insane. Oh no; not insane, just as mad as a hornet, that all.

A Chicago company which undertook to corner December corn got cornered themselves, and squeezed out at the little end of the horn.

Within the past thirty years it is estimated that wealthy men and women of this country have donated $300,000,000 to educational institutions.

One of the drawbacks to admitting New Mexico to statehood is that it would take in Jerry Simpson and his sheep ranch, and he might break into politics again.

A man who stole a kiss from the Queen of Sweden and was banished for it died recently in Milwaukee. That was pretty rough, the exiling part of it, but Milwaukee has the reputation of being the premium beer town of this country.

Miss Wilson, aged 34, of New Mexico, is a hustler. She is a proficont mine operator and developer, and seems to know how to do things. She has discovered, opened and sold four gold and two copper mines and added $175,000 to her bank account.

The New Jersey State Prison board is in favor of abolishing stripes in clothing, cropped hair and the lock step in Jersey prisons. They have probably come to the conclusion that living in prison in New Jersey is ordeal enough without the other adjuncts.

The Washington *Star*, which celbrated its 50th anniversary on the 16th inst, was established in December 1852 with, according to the Louisville *Courier Journal*, a capital of $500. Fifteen years later it was sold for a hundred thousand dollars and could not be bought to-day for $2,000,000. It is a bright star in the journalistic firmament and a great newspaper.

According to the report of the Department of Labor and Printing there are in this State 293 papers of all classes, with an aggregate circulation of 636,596, not including six monthlies, two weeklies, two morning and one evening daily and one semi weekly which have not reported. Politically there are 149 Democratic, Republican 17, Independent 22 and Populist 3.

LOCAL DOTS.

— The schools of the city and country closed yesterday and will not resume exercises until Jan. 5th.

— Reward for lost gold pins and silver cuff buttons. See advertisement in "Business Locals."

— Bladen street M. E. Sunday school will have its annual Christmas tree this evening at 8 o'clock.

— The tug *Alexander Jones* returned yesterday from a successful tow of the schooner *Glenfield* to New York.

— Cotton receipts yesterday were very heavy—4,597 bales, nearly half of which came via the W., C. & A. railroad.

— Josie Drew, colored, was sentenced to the roads for 30 days by the Mayor yesterday for drunkenness and disorderly conduct.

— Steamer *Wilmington* will run her regular Saturday schedule to day, arriving at 10 o'clock from Southport and leaving at 2 P. M.

— Seven crates of strawberries were shipped from Teachey's yesterday morning. Several have been shipped before the past ten days.

— A competent and experienced feeder for Job Presses can secure employment by immediate application at the STAR office. Liberal wages paid.

— Miss Mary Bell Sneed will entertain at her pretty home, No. 415 South Front street, on Christmas evening in honor of her guest, Miss Jones.

— There will be no extra service on the suburban line of the Street Railway to Ocean View on Christmas Day, and no freight car will run on that day.

— The $5 in gold offered by Mr. S. E. Memory, of Whiteville, for the best description of his store, has been awarded Miss to Annie Reade Lewis, of Whiteville.

— THE MORNING STAR will appear as usual to-morrow; but no paper will be issued from this office Friday morning. "Christmas comes but once a year."

— The person who took a bunch of keys from a box at the Post Office Monday morning about 10 o'clock will please leave them with the Postmaster or at the STAR office.

— In the Mayor's court yesterday Sam Moran, colored, who was pulled out of an A. C. L. box car by Watchman Futrell Monday night, was sent to the roads for 30 days.

— The new winter suburban car will take a small party to Ocean View to-day and there will be an oyster roast at Stokley's. The car will leave Princess street junction at 3:15 P. M.

— By deeds filed for record Elizabeth J. Abbott transferred to Katie Hopewell for $1.000, house and lot on south side of Church, between Sixth and Seventh streets, 53x198 feet in size.

— Messrs. Dobler & Mudge, wholesale paper dealers of Baltimore, are distributing to the trade a handsome little memorandum book, containing much valuable and interesting information.

— The finest oyster roasts of the season are now being served at Stokleys on Wrightsville Sound. The schedules are convenient and an extra supply of fine, luscious bivalves are on hand for the holidays.

— Among the very prettiest calendars issued this year are those by the Coal, Cement and Supply Co., and the Robert Portner Brewing Co. The STAR is under obligations to both firms for copies of the calendar.

— Mr. Frank P. Turrentine, who has won his spurs on the Wilmington gridiron, will return to his new home in Charleston to play football with the team of that city against Savannah on New Year's Day.

— Mr. W. Van Hardin had on exhibition at his place yesterday a fine doe, perfectly tame and as docile as a lamb. It was sent him by Capt. F. C. Jones, of Ashpole, N. C. Mr. Hardin doesn't know just yet what he will do with the pet.

— By deeds filed for record yesterday J. W. Murrell and wife and J. E Smith and wife et. al., transferred to Z. E Murrell for $2,000, house and lot on West side of Fourth, between Hanover and Brunswick streets, 66x165 feet in size.

— Rev. C. B. Paul, the popular pastor of Southside Baptist church, was "pounded" by his congregation Monday night. A feast of good things was Mr. Paul's portion upon the occasion and he responded with heartfelt words of appreciation for the kindly expression.

— The bunch of keys taken from a letter-box at the Post Office Monday forenoon are of no value except to the owner. The person who has them will receive more than the keys are intrinsically worth by leaving them at the STAR office.

— A horse attached to a dray got "Christmas in his bones" on Nutt street yesterday and ran into another horse, hooked to a buggy, in front of Swift & Co's. office. The buggy shaft stuck in the chest of the dray horse and both of the frightened animals were more or less injured.

— Announcement is made of these Christmas weddings: Miss Serena Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Smith, to Mr. Walter H. McCartney, son of Mr. and Mrs McCartney, and Miss Sudie R. Hodges to Mr. Geo. H. Davis. Both couples are from Wilmington.

BOLD HORSE THIEF.

Animal and Buggy Taken Yesterday From the Seaboard Air Line Station.

DROVE HIM ABOUT TOWN.

Smashed the Vehicle and Then Rode Horseback — Negro Arrested and Locked Up at the Police Station—Intoxicated.

Charged with horse stealing Galloway Williams, colored, will be arraigned in the municipal court today. And it is a most extraordinary and daring case. Extraordinary, because the animal was stolen in broad open daylight and driven about the city until the buggy to which the animal was attached was smashed all to pieces; daring, because after the buggy was smashed the negro mounted the horse and rode it back into the vicinity from which it was stolen.

Mr. Bernice C. Moore, the well known druggist on Fourth street, was the owner of the horse and buggy stolen. Mr. Moore had driven down to the Carolina Central depot, not a long distance from his store, to meet a brother of his whom he was expecting on the noon train. The horse was hitched near the station, and Mr. Moore went into the waiting room until the train would arrive. When he desired to return to his store after the arrival of the train, he was surprised to find his turn-out gone. He hurried to the store and kep the telephone bell ringing with messages all over town to look out for the property. At length he set out himself up the Castle Haynes road upon information that a buggy answering to the description given had been seen going in that direction. It was a "false alarm," however, for very soon Mr. Houston Moore, a brother of Mr. Bernice Moore saw a negro riding the horse at Third and Brunswick streets. He hauled the man off the animal and turned him over to Policeman C. E Wood after which he was locked up at the police station. The negro had been drinking and that probably accounts for his deviltry.

The horse had been driven all over town and a short distance out the Market street road. At one time Special Officer C. T. Croom chased the turnout for "fast driving" on Front street, but the negro made his escape. He drove down Water street and at the corner of Walnut, he ran against some obstacle and smashed the buggy all to pieces.

The negro will doubtless plead drunkeness when arraigned this morning.

AN ADVERTISEMENT FOR WILMINGTON

Representative of Harper's Weekly Has Proposition to Business Men.

Mr. John H. Gould, representing *Harper's Weekly*, arrived in the city yesterday from Charlotte and will today or to-morrow present to the Chamber of Commerce one of the finest opportunities imaginable for advertising Wilmington and its splendid resources. Mr. Gould's publication will, during January, issue a special Southern edition containing a number of articles on various phases of Southern development prepared by some of the ablest writers and authorities in the South.

Mr. Gould, it is understood, will offer Wilmington a full page in the edition for a special article descriptive of the city and, if furnished with photographs, will present illustrations of prominent buildings for which they make their own cuts.

It is said that no other requirement whatever will be made, although business men may have the privilege of a full advertising page opposite the write-up, if they desire.

Charlotte and Raleigh have advantaged themselves of Mr. Gould's offer. The special edition of the weekly will be one million copies.

LIST OF LETTERS.

Remaining Uncalled For in the Wilmington Postoffice, Dec. 23rd, 1902.

WOMEN'S LIST.

Mollie Allen, Norra Bell, Mamie Bissent, Mayme Bordeaux, Geanie Y Care, Nancy Davis, Mandel Gand, Nankey Gillmore, Celie Gipson, Mary Gurganus, Mattie Hill, A. T. Jackson, M. M McFarland, Emma Mack, Cincere Peeples, Mittie Raspberry, Sarah E. Smith, Mildred Shire, Mary E. Stevenson, Martin Sutton, Mary Tolry, Nancy Williams.

MEN'S LIST.

Frank Brise, Willie A. Burnit, Sam'l. B. Bryant, J. C. Donnelly, Mr. Dossen, Frink Fleman, Burus Henry, William R. Hudler, Anton Henrikson, Edward James, Orran Johnson, Johnnie Jones Sam Kelly, J. W. King, Willie Lunsiast, Motia McIntyre, A. J. McLeod, John Middleton, T. S. Murray, Alex. Pierce, D. L. Pitman, W. D. Quinn, Alex. Robingson, J. L. Russ, Nathaniel Seigbert, Bill Waddell, J. F. Walker.

RETURNED FROM DEAD LETTER OFFICE.

J. B. Hall, Wm. Robson.

Persons calling for above letters will please say advertised. If not called for in fifteen days they will be sent to the dead letter office. M. C. DARBY, Postmaster.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

J. W. Plummer, Jr.—For bargains.
Sam'l Bear, Sr., & Sons—Furs wanted
Consolidated Railways, Light and Power Co.—Welsbach drop lights.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Lost—Gold pins.
Lost—Bunch of keys.
W. H. Stokely—Oyster roasts.
Consolidated Railways, Light and Power Company—Comfort.

TYNER HELD FOR PERJURY.

Case That Attracted Much Interest in Police Circles Yesterday—"Friend in Need is Friend Indeed."

The case of J. E. Tyner, charged with perjury, was called in the mayor's court yesterday at noon. The defendant was not represented by counsel, but has retained an attorney for appearance in the higher court for which he was subsequently held.

When the case was called in the mayor's court yesterday, Tyner presented an affidavit sworn to before Justice McGowan, setting forth that he could not get justice before the Mayor. Mayor Waddell then set the case before Justice of the Peace John J. Furlong. To that Tyner objected, but he had no further alternative and the case came up before Justice Furlong at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

The prosecution offered as witnesses Special Officer C. T. Croom and Messrs. Harry Litgen, James New and Tom Powers. Special Officer Croom and one other testified to having seen Tyner buy whiskey from the negro Ben Jones in the case against whom the charge of perjury developed on Monday. Two others testified that they had heard Tyner say that before he would expose a man who would befriend him with a drink of liquor on Sunday morning when he was "dry," he would "suffer his throat to be cut from ear to ear."

Upon this evidence Justice Furlong held the defendant in the sum of $100 bond, which he gave yesterday evening with Messrs. W. M. Sneeden and S. H. Fishblate as sureties.

THE MATTER OF TELEPHONES.

Explanation by Manager of Bell Company to Commerce Chamber.

The question of local telephone service was considered in all its phases at a special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Executive Committee yesterday at 12:30 P. M. Those present were President Chadbourn, Secretary Kyle and Messrs. H. W. Malloy, I. M. Bear and G. J. Boney.

The matter of the service by the Bell Company had been previously taken up, and at the meeting yesterday Mr. T. S. McManus, manager of the Wilmington exchange of that company, was present by invitation and explained why it had been physically impossible to remedy existing conditions. His explanation was thoroughly satisfactory to the Board, and President Chadbourn so expressed himself.

Mr. McManus said that as soon as the company gets in the new switchboard early in February the service will be perfect; that he has been instructed by District Superintendent M. B Spier and General Manager W. T. Gentry to say to the Chamber of Commerce that nothing can be done until the new switchboard is installed; the new system could have been completed earlier had the Board of Alderman granted the company the privilege of placing its wires underground when application was made last Spring. When the privilege was finally granted, Mr. McManus said, it was too late to begin work until Fall.

President Chadbourn upon the conclusion of Mr. McManus' remarks, said that he had made a full explanation which was perfectly satisfactory. He said it was in order for the people to remain patient until the new switchboard is installed.

MARRIED IN MOUNT OLIVE, N. C.

Mr. Peter McQueen, Jr., of Wilmington, Wedded Miss Tatum Yesterday.

One of the prettiest weddings in the history of Mount Olive was that in the Methodist church there on yesterday morning at 10 o'clock when Mr. Peter McQueen, Jr., a popular young wholesale grocer of this city, led to the altar, Miss Katharine Tatum, a charming young daughter of Dr. and Mrs. McI. Tatum, of Mount Olive. The ceremony was performed in the midst of a large gathering of friends and relatives by the Rev. N. M. Jurney, formerly of Mount Olive, now of Beaufort, N. C.

The best man was Mr. Clarence D. Moffitt, of this city, and the groomsmen were: Messrs. M. McKinnon, of Wilmington; Benjamin, Robert and Henry Southerland, of Mount Olive; Gordon and Grover Smith, of Goldsboro; Joseph Shaw, of Lumber Bridge, Abb Pickett, of Wilson.

After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. McQueen left for Fayetteville where they will spend the holidays with the groom's mother, later returning to this city to make it their home.

Stole Bag of Peanuts.

John Mitchell, colored, was committed to jail by Justice Fowler yesterday, charged with the larceny of a bag of peanuts from a Brunswick county man, who had brought them to market for sale. The "goobers" were stolen from Market street dock just after they had been brought over on the ferry flat.

Funeral Yesterday Morning.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Henry B. Bessent was conducted yesterday morning at 10 o'clock from the late residence by Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives. The interment was in Bellevue. The floral tributes were many and very pretty.

Consolidated Railways, Light and Power Co.—Gas radiators.

CHRISTMAS SOIREE.

Delightful Holiday Event Last Night Given by Miss Cammie Lord.

TO HER DANCING CLASSES.

Regalia Won in Contest by Master Louis Belden—Affair Was an Artistic Success and Charmingly Entertained Many Spectators.

The Christmas soiree given last night by Miss Cammie A. Lord in Germania Hall, complimentary to her dancing classes, exceeded in beauty and perfection all her former efforts in that direction. The number of couples was over fifty and the west end of the spacious ball room was completely filled with spectators, representing the culture, refinement and society of the city. The decorations were profuse, very pretty and appropriate to the holiday season. The music was by Hollowbush's splendid orchestra and not a feature of the entertainment was without its originality and good taste.

The soiree opened with the grand march, led by Mr. Richard Grant and followed by a fancy dance, "Holly and Mistletoe," participated in by Miss Christine Schulken, Athalia Bunting, representing the holly, and Miss Myrtle Vollers, in costume to represent the mistletoe. A new dance "Loraine" was next introduced and four prettily costumed couples participated, Misses Anna Grant Fay Pierce, Dell Burbank, Loris Hardin, Sue Catlett, Athalia LeGrande, Flora Yopp and Nellie Savage.

Santa Claus, impersonated by Mr. Richard Bradley, next appeared and snowballed the merry group, and his attack was returned, causing a lively little flurry that was realistic and pretty. Kris Kringle then distributed favors from two pretty Xmas trees; dolls for the girls and walking canes for the boys.

A skirt dance by Miss Louisa Grant, the little six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. Grant, captivated all present and none the less interesting and clever in its execution was a tambourine dance by little Loris Hardin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Hardin. Another prime favorite on the programme of fancy dancers was the "Highland Fling," participated in by Miss Katie VonGlahn, Master Hugh Calder, Misses Mildred Smith, Virginia Taylor, Katharine Vollers, Nellie Savage, Louise Corinth and Ora Perry.

The next number was "Delmar," a Xmas figure, introducing again the trees, from which Santa Claus distributed gifts of horns for the boys and fruits for the girls. This was participated in by Master Stone Pulliam, Misses Katie VonGlahn, Louisa Grant, Virginia Taylor, and Masters Hugh Calder and Willie Lord.

The "Cachucha," by Miss Loris Hardin, came next, after which the contest for a handsome regalia of blue and yellow satin with gold ornaments, was entered into by the following couples: Louis Belden with Miss Jane Iredell Green, Milton Gore with Miss Sue Prince, Will Gore with Miss Christine Stevenson, Richard Grant with Miss Amoret Lord, Eugene LeGrande with Miss Thurber Gore, Fred Harper with Miss Lina DeRosset, Walter Kenly with Miss Alice Davis, David Struthers with Miss Lillie Sears and Louis Orrell with Miss Ella Jacobs.

The judges were Mrs. Donald MacRae, Miss Annie Blount DeRosset and and Mr. S. M. Boatwright and after the figures were gracefully led they presented the regalia to Master Louis Belden as having been most proficient. The figures were all original and one of the prettiest was that by Milton Gore, forming Miss Lord's initials "C. A. L." Before the announcement by the committee many thought that figure would win the prize. Master Louis Belden presented the regalia won by him to his dancing partner, Miss Jane Iredell Green.

One of the closing features of the soiree was an exhibition of the five-step by Master E. W. Van Court Lucas, Jr., and little Miss Christine Schulken. The dance was very clever indeed and brought forth much applause.

All the dances were directed by Miss Lord and her assistant, Miss Bessie Gore.

A few of the couples present, not included in the above, were Miss Lillie Sears, Mr. W. Walters; Miss Perry, Mr. L. Pinner; Miss Jones, Mr. Alva Ward; Miss Edith Butler, Mr. J. Walters; Miss Eloise Emerson, Mr. R. James; Miss Anette Munds, Mr. H. St. John; Miss Daisy Burbank, Mr. J. Gause; Miss Dell Burbank, Mr. Clem Brown; Miss Isabel Smallbones, Mr. Marion James; Miss Williams, Mr. C. F. Ballzer; Miss Isabel Williams, Mr. Norwood Huske; Miss Ella Jacobs, Mr. Ed Holmes; Miss L Poisson, Mr. Ed Prince; Miss Annabelle Latimer, Mr. Allie J. Mitchell; Miss Rutland, Mr. P. Cantwell; Miss Alice Davis, Mr. Joe Jacobs; Miss Jennie Furpless, Mr. Frank Sears; Miss Bessie Latimer, Mr. Willie Peck. Stags—Messrs. Joe Mitchell, Louis Orrell and A. D. Daniels.

It was impossible, owing to the large number present, to get a more complete list.

A small store, perhaps, but no more complete line of holiday novelties in the city. J. T. Burke, the jeweler, South Front street. †

I will make sittings until Saturday, January 3rd. Will be open New Year's day. Paul M. Taylor. †

CHARMING XMAS AFFAIR.

Delightful Soiree Given by Miss Cantwell, Complimentary to Little Folks of Her Dancing Class

It was a delightful visit which St. Nicholas paid yesterday afternoon to the little folks of Miss Leonora Cantwell's dancing class in Hibernian Hall from 4:45 to 6:30 o'clock, the occasion of their Xmas soiree. Upon the conclusion of the opening march Old Santa, unheralded, rushed into the merry group and by way of explanation said he had slipped away from toil and come to see the children dance.

There's no doubt about the cordiality of the reception and the scene was one of jollity. The hall was effectively decorated with holly and mistletoe while a pretty Christmas tree adorned each corner. The dancers were charmingly costumed in red and green, carrying out the idea of holly and the gladsome season of which it is typical. The impersonation of the jolly old saint, whose praises have been sung from time immemorial, was well nigh perfect. Dainty favors were distributed from the tree and the children reciprocated with some delightful little fancy dances. Misses Braddy, Turrentine, Florrie Northrop and Caroline Ashe gracefully danced the charming old Scotch "Highland Fling." The entire class participated with great credit in a Grand March and received each a token from Old Santa's pack. Little Miss Katherine Manning and Masters Walker Taylor and LeRoy Polvogt came forward and executed the "Lorrain Gavotte." "The Lancers" and "LaCachaucha" followed, all the dancers winning laurels for themselves and their teacher. "The Flirting Dance" by Miss Lucile Polvogt and Master Frederick Robertson was one of the very best features of the programme and brought forth a whirl of applause.

The remainder of the evening was spent in the round dance, and Santa Claus skipped out, wishing all many happy returns of the season.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. E. Bullock, of Clarendon, N. C., was here yesterday.

— Mr. N. Alford, of Maxton, N. C., was an Orton guest yesterday.

— Mr. John Jay Blair left last night for High Point to spend Xmas.

— Mr. B. F. Keith, Jr., is at home from Oak Ridge for the holidays.

— Miss Rosa Passano left yesterday, returning to her home in Baltimore.

— Mr. Fred R. Mintz, of Southport, was among the visitors who arrived yesterday.

— Mrs. Sue Harman, of Savannah, Ga., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Daniel Matthews.

— Miss Fearey left yesterday to spend Xmas with Mr. and Mrs. VanDyck, of Cronly, N. C.

— Miss Agnes Jones, of Danville, Va., is visiting her friend, Miss Mary Belle Sneed, No. 415 South Front street.

— Mrs. Margaret Y. McKoy left yesterday afternoon for Charlotte to spend Xmas with her daughter, Mrs. E. N. Farrior.

— Mrs. Gaston Phares has returned from a visit to Rocky Point, where she went to visit her sister, Mrs. Chas. M. Bishop.

— Miss M. R. Lyon, Miss Lessie Robinson and Mr. J. M. Clark, of Elizabethtown, were guests at The Orton yesterday.

— Police Sergeant Smith and his brother, Mr. Jim Smith, went up the river yesterday morning and bagged three fine wild turkeys.

— Mr. Joe Lane is at home from Norfolk to spend Xmas. He is aboard the U. S. *Hornet*, which is undergoing repairs at Norfolk.

— Mr. H. R. Kinlaw, editor of that enterprising weekly, the Rocky Mount *Motor*, was a welcome visitor at the STAR office Monday.

— Mr. James H. Taylor, Jr., the popular clerical deputy in Sheriff Stedman's office, left yesterday to spend Christmas in Charlotte.

— Rev. Chas. M. Bishop, D. D., of St. Joseph, Mo., and wife, are at Rocky Point, spending a few days with his father-in-law, Mr. Geo. T. Jones.

— Dr. Russell Bellamy, a leading physician of New York city, arrived last night to spend the holidays with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. J. H. Bellamy.

— Master Walter Bowden and little Miss Emma Bowden arrived yesterday from Lumberton and will spend Xmas with their father, Mr. W. B. Bowden.

Car Smashed a Dray.

A horse attached to a dray loaded with flour, belonging to Mr. W. B. Cooper, was run into by a train of empty box cars on the Atlantic Coast Line yards yesterday about noon. The dray was reduced to kindling wood, the car was derailed, one end of it was smashed in, and the flour was ruined. The horse escaped injury, although he was dragged for some distance.

See the line of Xmas gifts at Burke's to-day. †

You can get a Camera cheap at Taylor's Studio. †

WELSBACH
DROP LIGHTS
Sold at Cost.
Glassware
In All Colors and Shapes.
WE ARE HANDLING ONLY THE BEST GRADE OF MANTLES AND BURNERS.
CONSOLIDATED RAILWAYS, LIGHT AND POWER CO.
dec 24 3t

For Christmas!
What better Christmas present for a boy or girl than a deposit in The Wilmington Savings and Trust Company. "As the twig's inclined, so grows the tree." The boy who begins a savings bank account when young can accumulate a snug capital with which to begin business by the time he is a man.
Deposits made on or before January 2nd, 1903, will bear interest from that date.
The Wilmington Savings & Trust Co.
J. W. NORWOOD, President. H. WALTERS, Vice President.
dec 14 tf C. E. TAYLOR, Jr., Cashier.

It Is So Well Known That,
Everybody says, "For anything nice you must go to Parker's."
MY XMAS OFFERS:
Look at my line of Parlor Tables and Parlor Rockers and if you don't concede that they are as fine as you ever saw in any city, then take your choice free of cost.
N. F. PARKER,
Furniture and Furniture Novelties, 111 Market St.
Bell 'Phone 613. Inter-State 421.
dec 21 tf

KNIGHTS AND LADIES OF HONOR.

North State Lodge Held Its Annual Meeting Yesterday—Officers Elected.

North State Lodge No. 2135, Knights and Ladies of Honor, met yesterday and elected the following officers for the ensuing year, viz:

P. P.—J. D. Webster.
P.—J. M. McGowan.
V. P.—Mrs. M. E. Keathley.
Secretary—Jno. E. Wood.
Treasurer—Mrs. P. N. Fick.
C.—J. S. Canaday.
Guide—Mrs. J. D. Webster.
J. G.—Mrs. Louis Freimuth.
S.—W. W. Thigpen.
Trustees—J. S. Canaday, J. M. McGowan and Jno. G. Wood.

The next meeting will be held on the fourth Tuesday in January in the Odd Fellows' building, second floor.

A Handsome Calendar.

One of the handsomest calendars seen this season has been issued by the Robert Portner Brewing Co. Everyone remembers their last year's beautiful subject entitled, "He loves me," which in design and execution was well nigh perfection, but this year's is, if anything, more beautiful and the workmanship is of the very highest artistic merit. The subject, a woman thoughtfully contemplating her engagement ring, is appropriately termed "Betrothed." It is a reduction of a celebrated oil painting by the well known French artist A. Romes, whose studio is now located in New York. While the subject is exquisite, the lithographic reproduction is of the very highest order in its faithful resemblance to work done in oil.

For Asthma use CHENEY'S EXPECTORANT.
For sale by J. C. Shepard.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

BIDS WANTED.
For 5,000 Tons Crushed Rock. Bids will be received up to Monday, January 5th, at 12 o'clock M. For specifications and further information apply to
E. F. JOHNSON,
Ch'm'n Streets and Wharves Com.
dec 23 3t

Tobacco Fertilizers.
1,186 Bags 8 4-4 Guano.
1,293 Bags 8-3-3 Guano.
1,411 Bags 8 2-2 Guano.
1,841 Bags Pure Kainit.
1,484 Bags 13 per cent. Acid.
1,001 Bags 14 per cent. Acid.
1,897 Bags C. S. Meal.
Best prices, Cash or Time.
W. B. COOPER,
Wholesale Grocer, Wilmington, N. C.
dec 23 tf

Read this Space for Bargains.
Fresh Nuts 13c lb., Best.
Sweet Fla. Oranges 30 doz.
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Fresh Ground Cocoanut 13c qt.
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The Morning Star.

WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

WEDNESDAY MORNING DEC. 24.

WISE WARNING BY A MAN WHO KNOWS.

We have heretofore referred to the meeting of tobacco growers at Rocky Mount, last Friday, the largest meeting of tobacco growers ever held in Eastern North Carolina, if not in the State. Such a large gathering is indicative of the interest the farmers are taking in the subject which called them together.

It isn't so very long ago since the absorbing subject with farmers in this section of the State was cotton, but tobacco seems to be supplanting cotton and there is very great danger that with the trend in that direction these farmers would soon find themselves in about the same predicament they were in with cotton, that is with more on hand than they could profitably dispose of and their time and labor gone without recompense.

If the acreage continue to increase as it has increased within the past few years this would be the inevitable result, and hence the effort to bring the farmers together and point out the danger to them, a movement in which Col. John S. Cunningham, of Person county, President of the Tobacco Growers' Association, and the greatest tobacco grower in North Carolina, was the leading spirit. He delivered an address on this occasion on tobacco growing and handling, in which he gave much valuable information to the grower, on the agricultural possibilities of the South, and the future of farming in the South under intelligent methods, incidentally referring to the prospective progress of the South in other industries. It was a thoughtful and excellent address, but as bearing upon the tobacco growing industry in particular, which was the object of the meeting, we quote the following:

"Some years ago I visited Wilson and Rocky Mount, and I remember to have said to some of my friends with whom I examined their farms, that I thought the lands of that section were well suited to the growth of fine yellow tobacco, and time has shown that there is no better tobacco grown than by the farmers of Eastern North Carolina. Because of this tobacco markets have sprung up in almost every county.

"In the Piedmont belt, in which I live, the bright yellow tobacco was grown almost exclusively for many years, but its growth has extended into other parts of North Carolina and is now cultivated to some extent by farmers in other States.

"You will do well not to make the mistake which so many of the people in my section made. There was a time when yellow tobacco sold for twenty-five dollars per hundred pounds, and frequently a farmer would average this sum for his entire crop, and often times more. There were some who acted wisely and saved their money, while others amid the excitement abandoned the wise policy of raising their supplies at home, and bought what they needed from the North and the West. The few who kept their lands in a high state of cultivation, were economical and saved their money are in good circumstances today. But, on the other hand, those who adopted the one crop system, depended upon commercial fertilizers and neglected their lands are to-day lamenting their condition and grieving over their lost opportunities. The people of Eastern North Carolina should profit by their experience and avoid repeating the mistake of their friends in the old tobacco belt.

"The tobacco acreage in the Piedmont belt is decreasing and necessarily so. I know of counties where the best tobacco lands are found and where the people flourished and prospered as never before, where the farmers are now compelled to cultivate less tobacco, because they have cut down their forests, and this because a tobacco farm requires a quantity of wood for fuel and for curing tobacco. The majority did not take the proper care of their lands and wasted their timber, and now they are not in a position to plant as largely as they formerly did. Because of this there are many who are leaving the old tobacco counties for the opportunities afforded in the Eastern counties are far more favorable to them to support their families and to make money.

"Those who propose to change their present method of farming and who wish to engage in the cultivation of tobacco, had best make up their minds to move slowly, because there is no crop so much subject to heavy losses as the tobacco crop.

There is enough in this if he had not said another word to put to thinking the Eastern farmer who grows tobacco or contemplates growing it. He speaks not simply as an observer or theorist, but as a practical tobacco planter who has made a success of it, understands it thoroughly and knows all about the State and the Piedmont section of which he speaks and which he holds up as a warning to the farmers of Eastern North Carolina.

There is perhaps no other industry of the farm in which there has been such a thorough revolution as in tobacco growing and yet one about which the masses of the farmers know so little. We very well remember the time that tobacco was not thought of as a farm crop outside of the middle tier of the Atlantic States from the Mississippi river eastward, with the exception of Missouri on the west side. Maryland, Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky, North Carolina (but a small part of it) and Missouri were the tobacco growing States, with Connecticut in the North East where a particular kind of tobacco was grown. But little was grown in other States save, perhaps, small patches for domestic use, and in most of the States none at all. Then there were no tobacco markets located in the towns in the tobacco growing sections, as there are now. The tobacco was prized in hogsheads and shipped to St. Louis, Louisville, Baltimore and Richmond, which were the great tobacco buying centers. There may have been a few others but these were the principle ones. From the warehouses in these cities the manufacturers and shippers bought their supplies. Now tobacco is cultivated as a market crop in forty two out of the forty-five States, and some of these which didn't produce a pound of the leaf twenty-five years ago now produce more than some of the then leading tobacco States did. This shows how the cultivation has extended until practically it reaches over the whole country, and its cultivation has increased in other countries also. Although tobacco is one of the most universally used products of the farm, it does not take much to supply the individual consumer, and it is not, therefore, surprising that the production more than keeps pace with the demand for consumption.

The planter has not only this to contend against but the equally important factor that methods of buying and manipulating the markets have changed. What was done by individual buyers who competed with each other in the business and markets is now practically down by combinations which make the prices which they pay and take every possible advantage of the grower, The growers have had abundant experience in that from which they should have learned a lesson without any warnings from Col. Cunningham or any one else.

In the section in which he lives, of which he speaks, referring to the mistakes made by the planters, against which he warns the farmers of this section, there are men who have been growing tobacco ever since the war, if not before it, who are no better off to-day, in a money point of view, than they were twenty-five years ago, because they produced tobacco blindly, to the neglect of other crops and relied upon that altogether. They succeeded one year, perhaps, and made money, failed the next and lost all they made the year before, and seldom knew what it was to be out of debt while there were others who pursued better methods, who did not depend solely upon tobacco, but so pitched their crops as to be independent of tobacco if it failed as a crop or in price, who succeeded and added something to their earnings year after year. A census of the farmers in the tobacco growing sections would verify this fact that it is those who diversified their crops who have profited most. And so will it be with the farmers of Eastern North Carolina, to whom Col. Cunningham gives such good advice in the address from which we quots.

ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL.

It is quite apparent now that the Venezuelan imbroglio will be settled by arbitration, the shortest and most sensible way by which it could be settled. It was either that or eventual war, and none of the powers interested as claimants could afford that. It would be paying two dearly for the whistle, and arraying antagonisms that it might take years to overcome.

That and not high regard for this country is the real inspiration of the willingness of the allied claim collectors to submit to arbitration and practically put the whole question in the hands of President Roosevelt. Kaiser William, however, gives some good reasons for this, when he says that President Castro would feel more bound to abide by a decision coming from President Roosevelt than he would by a decision coming from The Hague tribunal, which he strengthens with the additional observation that the refusal of the Venezuelan Government to abide by President Roosevelt's decision would offend the American people, who would then be less sensitive if force measures were resorted to to enforce compliance with the decision.

These views will probably have some weight in the final disposition of this matter, especially as President Roosevelt seems to be acceptable to all parties concerned, so that if he should decline to act for reasons given or others that he may have a compromise might be made by taking some one or more whom he might suggest as arbitrators which would be practically the same, to all intents and purposes, as if he took the part of arbitrator himself. But as it now seems to be simply a matter as to who the arbitrator or arbitrators shall be, the danger point may be considered passed and the incident closed, which is a matter for congratulation to all concerned.

A Western Congressman visiting Florida told the Florida fellows that every one of them had a large fortune in their "magnificent climate. And there isn't any danger of running through it either. And no combine corner on it either. Every one can get as much as he wants of it, and there will be as much left for others as there was before. It is a great thing that Florida climate. Maybe that's the reason why some of the natives down there take life so easy and feel so rich.

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WASTE PRODUCTS.

The Jacksonville, Fla. *Times-Union and Citizen* is doing a valuable work in calling the attention of the people of that State to the waste of their wealth-producing products. Commenting upon the fact that the saw palmetto, regarded as a nuisance and an encumbrance on the land, which it costs more to remove than the land is worth, is now being utilized and made a source of profit in the manufacture of tannin, it asks, but why not go further and utilize those parts of the tree suitable for the purpose in the manufacture of paper, for which the palmetto is one of the best materials known. In simply extracting the tannin they utilize only part of the tree and throw away much that is valuable. In this connection it says:

"The world wastes more than it uses," said a student of social economics a century ago. "A French cook could feed another family on the waste from an English kitchen and give it better food," said a Frenchman. "The French soldier will march as far and fight as well on half fare as the Englishman will on a full ration, because he knows how to prepare his food," said a French general. The richest "trusts" in America count as clear profit only what was formerly wasted, and when they cannot do so they open the door to successful competition—this is true of all noted for successful management and financial strength. Apply the same competition and the same necessities to the people of our State viewed as a great corporation and what do we see?

Perhaps just now our vegetable crop is the most valuable, but what would become of the business that threw away one-half its product? Apply the rule to our trade in pine and the product doubles in value within thirty days after it passes out of our hands, after paying transportation and skilled labor employed in making the change—others make the profit in population, wages paid and increased value; why cannot we claim the whole?

It isn't the people who have the most resources who are the richest, but the people who make the best use of those resources, the thrifty people who turn everything possible to account and let nothing go to waste. The people of the New England States are proverbial for their thrift as compared with the people of other States. Necessity taught them that, but still compared with the people of France and some other countries they are extravagantly wasteful. If they were put to it the people of one of those States would get rich on what the people of North Carolina let go to waste, and they would live better than people on the average do in this State.

We waste our timber, our grass, our fruit, our vegetables, and many other things that we raise and sell. With the exception of furniture manufactured we make very little use of our timber, shipping it in the rough and buying many things made of it which we could make ourselves. We kill grass and buy hay from other States. We raise a surplus of fruits and vegetables, let the surplus go to waste and buy canned goods from other States. So it goes; we fritter away the profits on what we sell in buying for use the things we wasted. We are learning something in this respect, but slowly, too slowly.

Mr. Carnegie says great wealth is not desirable, except as it may be employed for the advancement of the human race. He's right. After a fellow has accumulated more than he can use, without playing fool, he is pretty much in the position of a boy turned loose at a barrel of sugar. It does not take long to fill him up and come to the conclusion that sugar isn't such great shakes as he once thought it was.

A professional beggar died in Canada a few days ago who left an estate worth more than $100,000. We have lots of such beggars in this country. When Congress is in session they are always there begging for something—tariff bounties, subsidies and that sort of thing.

BOOK NOTICES.

The January number the *The Smart Set* sustains its reputation for interest and sprightliness, presenting a fine and varied list of contents, full of bright and sparkling matter. One gets his money's worth in this magazine not only in the quality of the matter but in the quantity, for it contains much more than the average monthly. Published by the Ess Ess Company, 452 Fifth Avenue, New York.

The January number of Frank Leslie's monthly presents a varied and interesting list of contents, copiously illustrated. The leading paper by Robert E. Peary, the arctic explorer on Hunting on the Great Ice, will be read with interest especially by the younger readers, who will also learn much from it. Address The Frank Leslie Publishing Company 141-147 Fifth Avenue, New York.

"The Heart of The New Thought" is the title of an interesting book by Ella Wheeler Wilcox, written in her vivacious style, readable and interesting whether one be of the same way of thinking with the writer or not. It is well printed on good paper and nicely bound in cloth. Published by the Psychic Research Company, the Colonades, Vincennes Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

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Blunders are sometimes very expensive. Occasionally like itself is the price of a mistake, but you will never be wrong if you take Dr. King's New Life Pills for Dyspepsia, Dizziness, Headache, Liver or Bowel troubles. They are gentle, yet thorough. 25c, at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. †

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Is akin to insanity. Many a woman realizes this as she lies awake hour by hour, peopling the darkness with phantoms, starting at the creaking of the bed or the rustle of the bedclothes.

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"My wife was sick for over eight years," writes Albert H. Fuller, Esq., of Altamont, Grundy Co., Tenn. "She had uterine disease and was treated by two physicians and got no relief. At last I read about Dr. Pierce's medicines and we decided to try his 'Favorite Prescription.' I went to the drug store and got one bottle and the first dose gave ease and sleep. She had not slept any for three nights. Being sure that it would cure her I sent for five more bottles and when she had taken the sixth bottle she was sound and well."

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets should be used with "Favorite Prescription" whenever a laxative is required.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— Georgia can and should solve her convict and good roads problems at one and the same time; indeed, they are kindred problems. But she must do it like a man builds a house, by laying the foundation first.—*Atlanta Journal, Dem.*

—— There are reported to be more than 1,700 coke ovens at present in process of construction in Alabama, with 600 more in prospect to be finished during the next six months. With these ovens in operation, Alabama will not find it necessary to import coke from other States.—*Saranna News, Dem.*

—— Senator Pritchard now says he will support any effort to reduce the representation of the Southern States in the National Republican conventions according to the vote polled, and Senator Quay says to the gentleman from North Carolina: "I am with you." So it looks as if there is likely to be considerable wailing in certain quarters over a vanished opportunity to sell out to the highest bidder.—*Macon Telegraph, Dem.*

—— The British Minister at Havana is said to be very active against the proposed reciprocity between Cuba and the United States, a report that is probably true, as the British Government has made representation to the State Department on the subject. The proposed treaty stands on the same grounds as other reciprocity treaties, and neither Great Britain nor any other nation has any reason for complaint.—*Phil. Press, Rep.*

TWINKLINGS.

— "They tell me your son is a close student." "He has to be. I don't allow him but a dollar a month spendin' money."—*Cleveland Plain Dealer.*

— Jerry—Don't forget the widows and orphans. Tom—That's right; I'm courting pretty widow, and she's an orphan, too.—*Detroit Free Press.*

— "The last poem I ate has given me an awful pain," cried the first goat. "Ha!" exclaimed his companion; "you've got writer's cramp."—*Philadelphia Record.*

— "It cannot be denied that Dresser is a man of good habits." "Except, if you please, the good habit of paying for them.—*Boston Courier.*

— The Parson—Your wife, sir, is trying to run my church. Witherby—If that is really the case, the only thing for you to do is to join my poker club.—*Harper's Bazar.*

— The prices of the baseball stars range from $7,000 to $10,000 a year. The theological and educational markets continue sluggish.—*Chicago Tribune.*

— "Madge says she is twenty-odd years old." "That makes her more than forty." "How do you make that out?" "Count the even years, too.'—*Newark News.*

— Mrs. Howso—Did the butcher send the lobsters? Bridget—He did, mum, but I sent thim back. They wuzn't ripe."—*Town and Country.*

— Church—"What is your opinion of the Autocrat of the Breakfast Table?" Gotham—"Never tried it, but I guess I've sampled every other kind of breakfast food."—*Editor's Sheet.*

— "See hee! When I bought this dog of you, you told me he was a fine dog for rats. Now, I can't coax him to touch a rat." "Well, ain't that fine for the rats?"—*Fliegende Blaetter.*

— Father—Johnny, I see your little brother has the smaller apple. Did you give him his choice, as I suggested? Johnny—Yes, father; I told him he could have his choice—the little one or none—and he took the little one.—*Chums.*

— "No," said Mr. Wu, as he stopped pacing the deck of the vessel and turned to look at the shores of America, now fast receding from his view, "I can't say I was really a popular man in that country. No brand of cigars has ever been named for me."—*Chicago Tribune.*

Fight Will Be Bitter.

Those who will persist in closing their ears against the continual recommendation of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption will have a long and bitter fight with their troubles, if not ended earlier by fatal termination. Read what T. R. Beall, of Beall, Mass., has to say: "Last fall my wife had every symptom of consumption. She took Dr. King's New Discovery after everything else had failed. Improvement came at once, and four bottles entirely cured her." Guaranteed by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. Price 50 cents and $1.00. Trial bottles free. †

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Newton *Enterprise*: Last Saturday near Maiden while hunting rabbits, Mr. Will Fry was shot by a small boy, the son of Mr. John Mauney. One eye was entered by a number 4 shot and put out and his body down to his hands was completely pepepred.

— Shelby *Aurora*: We were shown a turnip last Saturday by Mr. John McGraw, who farms on Mr. John Roberts' place near Shelby, that for size and weight beats anything we ever saw. It weighed 14 pounds and is about 30 inches in circumference.

— Statesville *Landmark*: Reference has been made to the training school for nurses which has been conducted in connection with the management of Billingsly hospital. The school has been incorporated under the name of the "Statesville Nurses' Training School Company." The purpose of the school is to furnish a complete course of instruction in the science of caring for and nursing the sick and infirm. The membership of the corporation is limited to physicians, or graduates from reputable training schools. There is no capital stock.

— Newbern *Journal*: The tobacco season just closed has been the largest in the history of New Bern and the sales will nearly go to a million and a half pounds, which is quite a jump from a half million last year.

—— We understand an effort will be made to organize the Farmers Warehouse Co., which will be incorporated with a capital stock of $5,000 to buy and sell tobacco and to erect a stemmery. The share will be of the par value of $40,00 and an effort will be made to have a part of the stock taken by the tobacco farmers of this section.

— Goldsboro *Argus*: A turnip weighing thirteen pounds and fifteen ounces and measuring thirty-two inches in circumference was brought to this office Saturday evening, raised by Mr. J. W. Davis, in Stoney Creek township, near Salem church. The unfortunate shooting of a negro by Mr. Addie Pike, son of Mr. Silas Pike, occurred early Monday morning at the home of Mr. Pike, a mile out from Pikeville. The negro, who was deaf and dumb and a stranger, went to Mr. Pike's before the family was up and made a great rapping at the door. Young Pike got out of bed, got his gun, went to the door and opened it. The negro immediately started into the house, and young Pike told him to stay back and not come in; but he being deaf could, of course, not hear the injunction, and being likewise dumb and saying nothing Addie became alarmed and shot him. At this writing he is in a critical condition. The wound is in the right breast, and is not necessarily fatal unless complications arise.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

R. B. JOHN, P. E., Wilmington, N. C.

Scott's Hill, Prospect, Dec. 27, 28.
Burgaw, Rocky Point, Jan. 3, 4.
Southport, Jan. 11, 12.
Shallotte, Concord, Jan. 13.
Town Creek, ——— Jan. 14.
Waccamaw, Shiloh, Jan. 17, 18.
Whiteville, Whiteville, Jan. 18, 19.
Magnolia, Providence, Jan. 24, 25.
Clinton, Clinton, Jan. 30.
Kenansville, Friendship, Jan. 31, Feb 1.
Bladen, Bethlehem, Feb. 7, 8.
Elizabeth, Elizabethtown, Feb 9
Carver's Creek, Council Station Feb. 10.
Oaslow, Queen's Creek, Feb. 14, 15.
Jacksonville and Richlands, Half Moon, Feb. 21, 22.

District Stewards will please meet in the Ladies' Parlor, Grace church, Wilmington, Tuesday Dec. 30th, at 1 o'clock.

Missionary Institute will be held at Grace church Feb. 4th and 5th, 1903.

District conference will meet at Jacksonville Tuesday Mar. 17th at 5 o'clock P. M. and continue through the 18th and 19th, 1903.

An Atchison Lynching.

Here is a story of a lynching in the early days of Atchison: A man named Sterling was hanged first. He was a vicious fellow and did not flinch. Indeed, while the rope was around his neck he announced that he was the best man in Kansas. Sandy Corbin, one of the lynching party, was somewhat of a fighter himself and did not like Sterling's talk. "Men," he said to the lynchers, "if you will postpone proceedings ten minutes I will take the conceit out of this scoundrel." The committee thought it would not be proper to let Sandy whip Sterling before hanging him, and the lynching went on, although Sandy grumbled loud and long because Sterling's bluff was not called.—Atchison Globe.

A Tiny Flower's Great Message.

The trailing arbutus has only one very near relative, and it lives in Japan. This tells to the botanist a strange story. When North America was warmer, the parent of both spread over northern America and Asia. With the descent of the ice cap, in the glacial period, the flowers were forced downward, one on the east coast of Asia and one on the east coast of America. They have been separated just long enough and under surroundings just different enough to have made a little difference in their appearance and habit, and yet their common origin is still easily traceable.—Ladies' Home Journal.

Sleep.

According to a somewhat cynical old proverb, the meed of nightly sleep justly due to average human beings should thus be distributed: "Six hours to a man, seven to a woman and eight to a fool."

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

C. C. Railroad—202 bales cotton, 1 cask spirits of turpentine, 78 barrels tar, 32 barrels crude turpentine.

W. & W. Railroad—1,814 bales cotton, 72 barrels tar, 8 barrels crude turpentine.

W., C. & A. Railroad—2,240 bales cotton, 8 casks spirits turpentine, 141 barrels rosin, 72 barrels tar, 155 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—340 bales cotton, 3 casks spirits turpentine, 65 barrels tar.

Steamer A. J. Johnson—1 bales cotton, 3 casks spirits turpentine, 37 barrels rosin 243 barrels tar.

Total—4,597 bales cotton, 15 casks spirits turpentine, 178 barrels rosin, 530 barrels tar, 190 barrels crude turpentine.

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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

[Quoted officially at the closing by the Chamber of Commerce.]

STAR OFFICE, December 23.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market firm at 52c per gallon.

ROSIN—Market firm at $1.35 per barrel for strained and $1.40 per barrel for good strained.

TAR—Market firm at $1.60 per barrel of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE — Market firm at $1.75 per barrel for hard, $3.00 for dip.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine steady at 36¼@35¼; rosin firm at $1.00@1.05; tar steady at $1.20; crude turpentine steady at $1.10 @2.00.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	15
Rosin	178
Tar	530
Crude turpentine	190

Receipts same day last year—20 casks spirits turpentine, 129 barrels rosin, 92 barrels tar, 79 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 8½c per pound for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	5¼	cts.	₱ lb
Good ordinary	7¼	"	"
Low middling	7¾	"	"
Middling	8¼	"	"
Good middling	8 15-16	"	"

Same day last year, market firm at 7⅞c for middling.

Receipts—4,597 bales; same day last year, 2,159.

[Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants, prices representing those paid for produce consigned to Commission Merchants.]

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina, firm. Prime, 60c; extra prime, 65c; fancy, 70c, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds. Virginia—Prime, 60c; extra prime, 65c; fancy, 70c. Spanish (new), 65@70c.

CORN—Firm; 65@67½c per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 15@16c per pound; shoulders, 10@12½c; sides, 10@11c.

EGGS—Firm at 21@22c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Firm. Grown, 30@35c; springs, 12½@25c.

TURKEYS—Firm at 10@11c for live.

BEESWAX—Firm at 25c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5½@6¼c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Dull at 60c per bushel.

FINANCIAL MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Money on call—Market firm at 5½@10 per cent., closing offered at 6 per cent; time money easy—60 days and 90 days, 6 per cent.; six months 6 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 6 per cent. Sterling exchange firm with the actual business in bankers' bills at 486.625 for demand and 483@483.125 for sixty days. The posted rates were 484 and 487½. Commercial bills 482½@482¾. Bar silver 48¼. Mexican dollars 38. Government bonds steady. State bonds—no report. Railroad bonds irregular. U S. funding 3's, registered, 107¾; U. S. refunding 3's, coupon, 108¼; U. S 3's, registered, 107½; do. coupon, 107¼; U. S. 4's, new registered, 135; do. coupon, 135; U. S. 4's old, registered, 108½; do. coupon, 109½; U. S. 5's, registered, 103¾; do. coupon. 103¾; Southern Railway, 5's, 120. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio 97⅝. Chesapeake & Ohio 46¼; Manhattan L 145½; New York Central 151¾; Reading 63¼; do. 1st preferred 86; do. 2nd preferred 77; St. Paul 175; do. pref'd, 191; Southern Railway 32; do. pref'd 92½; Amalgamated Copper ex dividend 58½; People's Gas 101¾; Sugar 126¾; Tennessee Coal and Iron 55¼; U. S. Leather 11⅞; do. pref'd, 88; Western Union 87¼; U. S. Steel 34¼; do. pref'd 84½; Virginia-Carolina Chemical 59¾; do. preferred, 122½; Standard Oil, 693@695.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 23.—Seaboard Air Line, common, 25½; do. preferred, bonds, 42; fours, 83.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Rosin firm. Spirits turpentine firm.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 23.—Spirits turpentine and rosin unchanged.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 23.—Spirits turpentine quoted firm at 52c; receipts 962 casks; sales 480 casks; exports 410 casks. Rosin firm; receipts 6,466 barrels; sales 3,226 barrels; exports 110 barrels. Quote: A, B, C, D, $1 45, E, $1 50; F, $1 55; G, $1 70; H, $2 00; I, $2 35; K $2 85; M, $3 35; N, $3 55; W G, $3 80; W W, $4 20.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The cotton market was steady at a decline of two points to an advance of two points and then generally improved a point or two. The early firmness was due to indications of moderate receipts and took place in the face of bearish cables. The latter were particularly unfavorable at the close with a decline of three and a half and four points apparent. Later indications as to receipts became bearish and selling was resumed upon a more active scale, resulting in a decline of five to six points, with the market finally quiet at a net loss of four points to a net advance of one point. Total sales were about 75,000 bales. The declining tendency of the market was arrested by a statement addressed by the leader of the January deal to all the members of the Cotton Exchange, in which he offers to "loan places" on any "notices" for the delivery on January contracts for the delivery of cotton in January sold out upon "notices" to the advantage of those who may be short. Some regard this as an effort to make a selling basis by scaring the shorts into covering, but most regard it as a determination to take any amount of cotton that may be offered. For some time past cottou has been accumulating at New York, presumably for delivery on January contracts until the stock is now 144,396 bales, against 96,519 December 1st. Of this amount 104,971 bales are certificated against 65,908 December 1st. The selling this afternoon was checked by steadiness reported by the spot markets of the South, these closing unchanged to ⅛c higher, but at best the local market was a quiet one.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Cotton quiet at 8.75c; net receipts 846 bales; gross receipts 8,319 bales; stock 149,995 bales.

Spot closed quiet; middling uplands 8.75c; middling gulf 9.00c; sales 400 bales.

Cotton futures market closed quiet; December 8.50, January 8.53, February 8.38, March 8.31, April 8.31, May 8.32, June 8.31, July 8.32, August 8.14, September 7.94.

Total to-day, at all seaports—Net receipts 67,246 bales; exports to Great Britain 12,346 bales; exports to France 12,197 bales; exports to the Continent 4,735 bales; stock 109,754 bales.

Consolidated, at all seaports—Net receipts 157,218 bales; exports to Great Britain 32,090 bales; exports to France 42,199 bales; exports to the Continent 21,240 bales.

Total since September 1st, at all seaports—Net receipts 4,572,641 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,400,888 bales; exports to France 379,750 bales; exports to the Continent 1,346,266 bales

Dec. 23.—Galveston, firm at 8 5-16c, net receipts 19,078 bales; Norfolk, steady at 8 5-16c, net receipts 7,485 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 8¼c, net receipts — bales; Boston, quiet at 8.75, net receipts 431 bales; Wilmington, firm at 8½c, net receipts 4,597 bales; Philadelphia, quiet at 9.00c, net receipts — bales; Savannah, quiet at 8½c, net receipts 13,482 bales; New Orleans, quiet at 8¼c, net receipts 13,720 bales; Mobile, dull at 8¼c, net receipts 1,420 bales; Memphis, steady at 8¼c, net receipts 2,735 bales; Augusta, steady at 8¾c, net receipts 3,401 bales; Charleston, steady at 8¼c, net receipts 988 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Flour was dull but steady. Rye flour steady. Wheat—Spot steady; No. 2 red 81¼c. Options had a firm tone early on continued bullish Argentine news, small Northwestern receipts, covering and higher cables. But trade being dull, the market was easy, except on December shorts, which ran up to ¾c net advance against ¼c decline elsewhere: May closed 81c; July 78⅜c; December closed 84¼c. Corn—Spot steady; No. 2 63c. Options market opened steady with wheat but eventually yielded to the big interior receipts, easier cables and unloading, closing partly ¼c off, except December, which was ⅜c net higher: January closed 53¾c; March closed 50¼c; May closed 48¾c; July closed —; December closed 60¾c. Oats—Spot quiet; No. 2, 38c. Options dull and irregular all day. Sales included: December closed 39¼c. Lard easy; Western steam $10 70; refined easy; continent $10 90; South American $11 50; compound 7¼@7¾c. Tallow easy; city ($2 per package) 5¾@5¾c; country (packages free) 6@6¼c. Pork dull. Rice quiet. Butter was unsettled; extra creamery 29c; State dairy 20@26. Cheese firm; new State full cream, small colored fancy, September 13¾@14; small white September 13¾@14cc. Peanuts were steady; fancy hand picked 4¼@4¾c; other domestic 3@4c. Cabbages were firm; domestic, per 100, white $2 00@4 00; red $2 50@4 00. Coffee—Spot Rio quiet; No 7 invoice 5¼; mild quiet; Cordova 7¼@13. Sugar—Raw quiet; fair refining 3 7-16c; centrifugal, 96 test 3 15-16c; refined steady. Freights to Liverpool—cotton by steam 12. Eggs irregular; State and Pennsylvania average best 28c. Potatoes quoted quiet; Long Island $2 00@2 24; South Jersey sweets $2 50@3 75; Jerseys $1 75@2 00; New York and Western per 180 lbs., $1 50@2 35. Molasses firm. Cotton seed oil on spot was quiet but considerable trade was done in future delivery, the tone remaining firm. Prices closed: Prime crude here nominal; prime crude f. o. b. mills 31c bid; prime summer yellow 39@40c; off summer yellow 38c; prime white 41@42c; prime winter yellow 42c; prime mixed $37 00@37 50, nominal.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23—Trading was very dull on the board of trade to-day and closing prices in the grain pit easier, May wheat being down ¼c, May corn ¼ @ ⅜c and oats off ½; May provisions closed from 2½ @ 5c higher. There will be no session to-morrow or Thursday.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23—Cash prices: Flour quiet but firm. Wheat—No. 2 spring 75c; No. 3 spring 72c; No. 2 red 74¼@75c. Corn—No. 2 45¼c; No. 2 yellow 45¼c. Oats—No. 2 31¾c; No. 2 white —; No. 3 white 32¼c. Rye—No. 2 48½. Mess pork, per barrel, $17 00. Lard, per 100 lbs., $10 17½@10 27½. Short rib sides, loose, closed $8 37½@8 62½. Dry salted shoulders, boxed, $8 25@8 50. Short clear sides, boxed, $8 75@9 87½. Whiskey—Basis of high wines, $1 31.

The leading futures ranged as follows—opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—No. 2 December 74¼, 75, 74½, 74⅝c; May 77⅛@77½, 77⅝, 77, 77⅛@77¼c; July 74¼, 74¼@74⅜, 73⅞@74, 74@74⅛c. Corn—No. 2 December 45⅝@45⅝, 45½, 45, 45⅛c; January 45⅞@45, 45¼, 44¾, 44⅜c; May 43⅛, 43⅛@43⅝, 43⅛, 43¼@43⅜c. Oats—No. 2 December, new, 32, 32, 31⅝, 31⅝; May 33⅜, 33⅞, 33¾, 33⅛@33⅝. Mess pork, per bbl—December $16 67½, 16 70, 16 60, 16 60; May $16 20, 16 30, 16 17½, 16 20. Lard, per 100 lbs—December $10 27½, 10 27½, 10 17½, 10 17½; January $9 87½, 9 90, 9 77½, 9 80; May $9 37½, 9 47½, 9 37½, 9 42½. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—January $8 50, 8 50, 8 45, 8 45; May $8 57½, 8 62½, 8 57½, 8 60.

FOREIGN MARKET

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 23.—Cotton: Spot in fair demand, prices two points lower; American middling fair 5.18d; good middling 4.70d; middling 4.54d; low middling 4.42d; good ordinary 4.30d; ordinary 4.18d. The sales of the day were 10,000 bales, of which 1,000 bales were for speculation and export and included 9,700 bales American. Receipts 63,000 bales, including 55,900 bales American.

Futures opened easy and closed steady; American middling (g o c) December 4.48@4.49d; December and January 4.48d; January and February 4.48d; February and March 4.48d; March and April 4.48d; April and May 4.48@4.49d; May and June 4.49@4.50d; June and July 4.49@4.50d; July and August 4.49@4.50d; August and September 4.44@4.45d.

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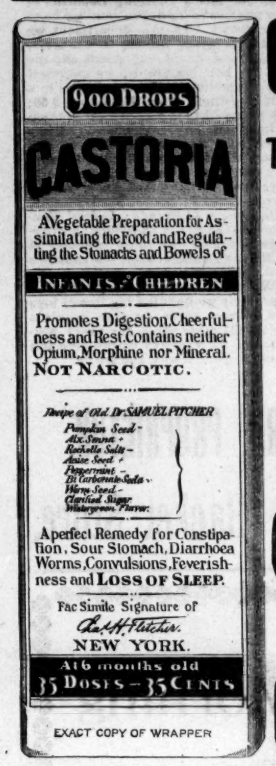
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RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans and Discounts	$196,723 67	Capital Stock	$ 50,000 00
Furniture and Fixtures	400 00	Profits, less expenses and taxes paid	4,667 84
Cash on hand, Due from Banks	3,019 68	Accrued interest due to depositors	475 00
		Deposits	145,000 51
	$200,143 35		$200,143 35

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TRAINING A RIDING HORSE.

The Master Made Good His Assertion as to What He Could Do.

"Yes," said the riding master, "I have to be a horse trainer as well as a riding master. In fact, I couldn't very well be the second without being the first. I always have horses in my school stables here that are sent to me to train for my pupils. One came this morning, and if you have the time to spare I will show you how I give the first lesson in obedience."

The master then ordered one of his men to bring the horse out into the "school," a great oblong space, covered with sawdust and inclosed and roofed. The horse was a fine, spirited animal, with an intelligent and kindly eye, and the master said at once that he would be a tractable and teachable subject, explaining that he had not yet had a chance to "make his acquaintance."

"Now," said he, "you must remember that this horse has never seen me before and that I am, therefore, a perfect stranger to him, and yet I think I can establish between him and myself so good a feeling that in five minutes' time he will follow me all about the school at a word of command—perhaps without a command. Let us see."

He then approached the horse, and the man stepped away. Speaking a few words gently, he patted the animal's neck and rubbed his hand over his head. Telling the man to give him a small riding whip, long and straight, with a keen lash, he placed himself with his right shoulder close to the horse's head, holding the bridle rein near the bit with his right hand and in his left hand the whip extended back horizontally so that the lash was opposite to the horse's flank.

"Now," said he, "for our lesson." And he began leading the horse around the school, keeping his shoulder close to the animal's head. Presently he took his hand off the bridle, and the horse at once began to move away from his shoulder, but a sharp turn of the master's wrist brought the lash of the whip against his flank just hard enough to make a little sting, and at the same time the master caught hold of the bridle and gently pulled the refractory head close to his shoulder again.

This was repeated half a dozen times, and then the horse evidently reasoned out the situation somewhat in this way:

"As long as I keep my head close to this man's shoulder it's all right, but the minute I take it away something back there jumps up and sticks me. Therefore I'll not take it away any more."

That must have been the way he reasoned, for within the five minutes' time allotted by the riding master the horse was following him all around the school like a big dog, nor did the master have to touch the bridle once.—Atlanta Constitution.

Not a Practical Philanthropist.

One day last winter when it was very cold a richly dressed woman stopped and gazed sternly at an ice wagon that was drawn up beside the curb on Walnut street, near Fifteenth. She stood there for ten minutes. Then the iceman came out of a certain house, and she said to him, "Driver, why don't you blanket your horses?"

"Because, lady, the kump'ny don't furnish me no blankets," said the man.

"Then," exclaimed the woman, "you should cover them with your coat."

"All right, ma'am," said the driver, smiling. "You gimme your coat for the near hoss, an I'll put mine on the off one."

The woman, whose coat was of sealskin, could not think of a good retort to this, and she walked away in silence.—Philadelphia Record.

Twain and the Printer.

Mary Twain once had a trying experience with a compositor, one of those conscientious compositors who not only know, but know that they know. According to a writer in Harper's Weekly, Mr. Clemens had received from his publishers the proofs of a story which he considered as funny as anything he had ever written, but on reading the proofs he dismally discovered that the fun had been carefully eliminated. Mr. Clemens returned the proofs, congratulating the compositor upon having consumed "only one week in making sense of a story which he himself required two weeks to make nonsense of!"

The First Skirmish.

Newlywed (after the first cloud has passed)—Kitty, you must not feel unhappy. Why, is my opinion never to count for anything?

Kitty (after thinking it over)—Surely, sometimes, when we have the same opinion, yours will count, and when we differ mine will.—New York Times.

His Speech.

"I wonder what he meant," said the man who had been trying to make a speech.

"What he said, very likely," some one suggested.

"Yes, I know, but he said my flow of words was continuous without continuity."—Chicago Post.

Hooligan's Birthday.

"Yis," said Hooligan as he stuck his piece of pipe between his lips and rolled some tobacco in his hands, "it's wanderful how toime flies. Yisterday Oi was only fifty-wan, an' today Oi'm fifty-too. Got a match, Dougherty?"—Indianapolis Sun.

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At the conclusion of a funeral service it is a custom among the old noble families of Rome for the chamberlain of the household to come to the church door and announce to the footman, who stands in waiting, that his master or mistress or whoever the dead may be, has no further use for the family carriage, whereupon the footman informs the coachman, who breaks his whip over his knees and drives mournfully away.—Chicago Record-Herald.

Bad Examples.

Brown—I don't like to read tales which show how geniuses were once unruly children.

Jones—Why not?

Brown—They encourage lazy parents to believe that their unruly children will turn out geniuses.—Detroit Free Press.

THE SOUND OF A PIANO.

Seeming Defects That May Be Often Due to Exterior Causes.

"A piano," said a dealer, "will sometimes develop or seem to develop a flaw in some one note, which comes to have a rattle or jingle or unpleasant burr to it, but this jarring sound which seems to come from the piano may in reality come from some source quite outside of it.

"Any given note when struck produces a certain number of vibrations to the second. There may be in the room some object that is in tone sympathy with some particular note, and that will be set in motion by it when that note is sounded.

"The owner of a fine piano sent to us one day to say that there was something wrong about a certain note of the instrument, so that that note had an unpleasant sound when struck. When I heard the note sounded, I knew at once that the disagreeable roughness or buzz about it was due not to any defect in the piano, but to something somewhere about in the room, and, asking the lady to strike that note occasionally, I walked around the room to see if I could locate it.

"Passing across the middle of the room as that note was struck, the cause of the jarring accompaniment of it was discovered to come from the vibration of one of the glass globes on the chandelier overhead.

"The owner of the piano was almost incredulous as to this, the sound had seemed so plainly to come from the piano itself. But when at my request she stood under the chandelier and I struck the note she was readily convinced.

"I made that globe immovable and then struck the note on the piano. The answer was clear and sweet and true.

"So, you see, the sound of the piano may for one thing depend much upon its surroundings, and what may seem to be a defect in a piano may be in reality attributable to something quite apart from the piano itself.

"And thus it might easily be that some noble instrument that had seemed to be declining or to be developing faults owed its apparent change to a change of environment or to some specific outside cause and was in reality as good as ever, as would happily be discovered whenever the instrument was again brought under favorable conditions."—Chicago Inter Ocean.

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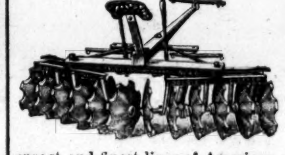

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Christmas Holiday Rates.

On Dec. 23, 24, 25, 30, 31 and Jan. 1, the Atlantic Coast Line will sell tickets to all points in territory of the Southeastern Passenger Association at rate of a fare and a third for the round trip, limited Jan. 3. Upon presentation and surrender of certificates signed by superintendents, principals or presidents of schools or colleges tickets at this rate will be sold to teachers and students, Dec. 16 to 22, inclusive; limited Jan. 8th.

W. J. CRAIG,

Approved: Gen'l Passenger Agent.

H. M. EMERSON,

Traffic Manager.

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Consolidated Railways,

LIGHT AND POWER CO.

SUBURBAN LINE.

Winter Schedule, in Effect November 25th, 1902.

LEAVE FRONT AND PRINCESS STREETS

At *7:00, 9:00, *10:00, 11:00 A. M. *12:00, 1:00, *2:00, 3:00, *4:00, 5:00, *6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00 P. M.

LEAVE WRIGHTSVILLE FOR WILMINGTON.

At *8:00, 10:00, *11:00 A. M. 12:00, *1:00, 2:30, *3:30, 4:30, *5:30, 6:00, *6:30, 7:30, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30 P. M.

LEAVE WRIGHTSVILLE FOR OCEAN VIEW.

At 9:30, *10:30, 11:30 A. M. *12:30, 1:30, *2:30 3:30, *4:30, 5:30 P. M.

LEAVE OCEAN VIEW.

At 9:45, *10:45, 11:45 A. M. *12:45, 2:15, *3:15, 4:15, 5:15, *5:45 P. M.

*Sunday only.

†Freight and passenger—daily except Sunday

Regular Freight Cars leave Ninth and Orange streets at 4:00 P. M. Returning, leaves Wrightsville at 5:30 P. M

CITY LINE.

Leave Front and Princess streets daily, except Sunday, every ten minutes from 7:30 A. M. to midnight.

SUNDAY.

Every ten minutes from 8:30 A. M. to mid night.

S. A. L. CAR.

Leave Fourth and Brunswick streets daily every ten minutes from 11:55 A. M. to 12:05 P. M. and from 2:35 P. M. to 2:55 P. M.

CEMETERY CARS.

Leave Tenth and Princess streets every day, every half hour from 4:00 P. M. to 5:30 P. M. Last car leaves Cemetery 5:35 P. M.

DELGADO AND GOLF LINKS.

Cars leave Tenth and Princess streets every day and every half hour from 3:40 P. M. to 5:40 P. M. Last car leaves Golf Links at 5:50 P. M.

CHARTERED CARS

Furnished on three hours' notice over any part of the City or Suburban Line from $5.00 to $15.00, according to the service.

oct 4 tf A. B. SKELDING, Gen'l Manager.

Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad

Time Table No. 16.

To Take Effect Sunday, Oct. 21, 1900, at 12.01 A. M.

GOING EAST, Pass'g'r Trains Arrive	Leave	STATIONS	GOING WEST, Pass'g'r Trains Arrive	Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
.....	4 40	Goldsboro	11 05	.....
.....	4 32	Kinston	10 12	.....
5 40	5 50	Newbern	8 27	9 00
7 05	7 07	Morehead City	7 00	7 07
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.45 A. M., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 P. M., and with W. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train arriving at Goldsboro 8.00 P. M., and with W. & W. train from the North at 5.05 P. M. No. 1 train also connects with W. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

oct 21 tf S. L. DILL, Sup't.

Growing Bananas.

Bananas are as a rule planted out systematically in rows, the "suckers" being placed at an average of ten feet apart. The banana plant bears only one bunch at a time, but it is a quick grower, yielding its fruit in twelve to fourteen months. When the plant is about six months old, a second "sucker" or shoot is allowed to spring from the root, a third after the ninth month, and so on, so that after the first year there is a continuous crop being reaped.

Fans in Shakespeare's Time.

Fans in Shakespeare's time seem to have been composed of ostrich and other feathers fastened to handles. Gentlemen carried fans in those days, and in one of the later figures of the german they now carry fans. According to an old manuscript in the Ashmolean museum, Sir Edward Cole rode the circuit with a prodigious fan, which had a long stick, with which he corrected his daughters.

SEABOARD

AIR LINE RAILWAY

Schedule in Effect Nov. 22.

TRAIN 39 Leaves Wilmington at 3:20 P. M., arrives Lumberton 5:44 P. M., Pembroke 6:10 P. M., Maxton 6:40 P. M., Hamlet 7:35 P. M., Charlotte 10:22 P. M.

TRAIN 40 Leaves Charlotte 5:0 1A. M., Hamlet at 8:25 A. M., arrives Maxton 9:10 A. M., Pembroke 9:43 A. M., Lumberton 10 08 A. M., Wilmington 12.20 noon.

WESTBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Hamlet	9 45 p m	7.40 a m
Ar Monroe	11 3 i a m	9.15 a m
Ar Charlotte	.....	10.33 a m
Ar Chester	12.51 a m	10.30 a m
Ar Greenwood	4.05 a m	12.37 p m
Ar Athens	2 52 a m	5 58 p m
Ar Atlanta	7 35 a m	4.00 p m

Close connection at Atlanta for Montgomery, Mobile, New Orleans and all points in Texas, Mexico and California; also for Chattanooga, Nashville, Louisville, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Chicago, and Western and Northwestern points.

SOUTHBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Lv Hamlet	9.45 p m	7.35 a m
Ar Columbia	1.15 a m	11.30 a m
Ar Savannah	6.35 a m	4.55 p m
Ar Jacksonville	7.00 a m	9.15 p m
Ar Tampa	6.45 p m	8.00 a m

NORTHBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Lv Hamlet	10.40 p m	7.50 a m
Ar Raleigh	1.30 a m	11.10 a m
Ar Norlina	3.32 a m	1.35 p m
Ar Portsmouth	.....	4.45 p m
Ar Norfolk	7.15 a m	5.35 p m

Lv Hamlet	10.40 p m	8.40 a m	7.53 a m
Ar Raleigh	1.30 a m	11.45 a m	11.10 a m
Ar Norlina	3.32 a m	1.35 a m	1.35 p m
Ar Petersburg	5.53 a m	4.07 p m	4.47 p m
Ar Richmond	6.35 a m	4.55 p m	5.40 p m
Ar Washington	10.10 a m	8.30 p m	.....
Ar Baltimore	11.25 a m	11.25 p m	.....
Ar New York	4.15 p m	6.30 a m	.....

Train 40 leaving Hamlet at 8.25 a. m. takes passengers from train 31, leaving New York at 12.35 p. m.; Baltimore at 3.45 p. m.; Washington 7.00 p. m.; Richmond 10.37 p. m.; Portsmouth 9.05 p. m.; Norfolk 8.30 p. m.; Raleigh 4.15 a. m. arriving at Hamlet at 7.00 a. m. From train 35, leaving Atlanta 1.00 p. m.; Athens 2.07 p. m.; Chester 4.15 a. m.; Charlotte 5.01 a. m.; Monroe 5.40 a. m.; arriving Hamlet 7.30 a. m.

From train 66 leaving Jacksonville 4.30 p. m.; Savannah 12.10 p. m.; Columbia 3.55 a. m.; arriving Hamlet 8.20 a. m.

Through Pullman sleepers from Hamlet to all points North, South and Southwest.

For tickets, Pullman reservations, etc., apply to Thomas D. Meares, General Agent, Wilmington, N. C.

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ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

Schedule In Effect Nov. 30, 1902.

NORTHBOUND.

	No. 48	No. 40
Lv Wilmington	9 30 a m†	7 00 p m
Ar Goldsboro	12.21 p m	9 38 p m
Ar Wilson	1 18 p m	10 40 p m
Ar Rocky Mount	1 55 p m	11.25 p m
Ar Norfolk	5 55 p m	.....
Ar Weldon	4 55 p m	1 45 a m
Ar Petersburg	6 52 p m	3 25 a m
Ar Richmond	7.45 p m	4 07 a m
Ar Washington	11.40 p m	7 54 a m
Ar Baltimore	1.35 a m	9 16 a m
Ar Philadelphia	4 05 a m	11 25 a m
Ar New York	7.08 a m†	1 58 p m

SOUTHBOUND.

	No. 41	No. 49
Lv New York	9 00 a m	9 30 p m
Ar Philadelphia	11 30 a m	12 10 a m
Ar Baltimore	1 44 p m	2 37 a m
Ar Washington	2 50 p m	3.45 a m
Ar Norfolk	.....	9 00 a m
Ar Richmond	6.56 p m	8.30 a m
Ar Petersburg	7 32 p m	9 18 a m
Ar Weldon	9 04 p m	11 22 a m
Ar Rocky Mount	10 07 P m	12 50 p m
Ar Wilson	10 48 p m	1 46 p m
Ar Goldsboro	7.16 a m	2 55 p m
Ar Wilmington	10 10 a m	5 5 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND THE SOUTH.

SOUTHBOUND.

	Daily Ex. Sunday.	Daily.	Daily.
Lv Wilmington	6.00 a m	3.45 p m	7.00 p m
Ar Florence	9.25 a m	7.20 p m	9.35 a m‡
Ar Charleston	1.10 p m	11.15 p m	5.45 a m
Ar Savannah	6.35 p m	3.00 a m	7.55 a m
Ar Jacksonville		9.00 a m	12.45 p m
Ar Tampa		7.00 p m	10.00 p m

NORTHBOUND.

	Daily Ex. Sunday.	Daily.	Daily.
Lv Tampa		8.05 p m	9.30 a m
Ar Jacksonville		7.30 a m	7.00 p m
Ar Savannah		1.10 p m	1.15 a m
Ar Charleston		5.15 p m	6.25 a m
Ar Florence		8.03 p m	9.45 a m
Ar Wilmington		11.45 p m	1.40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD.

	West Bound Daily.		East Bound Daily
Lv Wilmington	9.10 a m	Ar.	8.00 p m
Ar Fayetteville	12.23 p m	Ar.	5.00 p m
Ar Sanford	1.50 p m	Lv.	3.45 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND NEWBERN.

	North Bound Daily ex Sunday.		South Bound
Lv Wilmington	12.32 p m	Ar.	12 08 p m
Ar Newbern	5 40 p m	Lv.	9 00 a m

‡Via Wilson.

Trains Nos. 40 and 41 carry Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with Penna R. R. for all points east.

W. J. CRAIG,

Gen'l Passenger Agent.

H. M. EMERSON, Traffic Manager.

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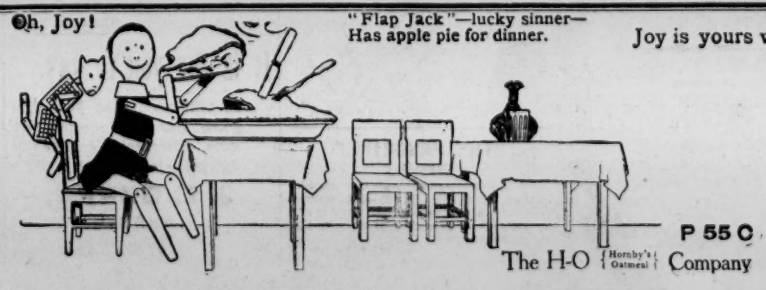

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The Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

WEDNESDAY MORNING DEC. 24

STEAM TUG BLOWN UP.

Boiler Explosion on the Lizzie Massay Near Norfolk—Two Men Killed and One Man Fatally Injured.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 23.—Two men were killed and another fatally injured in an explosion of the boiler of the tow boat Lizzie Massay, on the southern branch of the Elizabeth river at 6 o'clock this evening. The dead are George M. Williams, captain; William Byman, fireman. Fatally injured, Samuel Dunn, engineer.

The tug was towing the lumber laden barge Maple from the Richmond Cedar Works to Norfolk when the accident occurred.

Captain Williams, who with Dunn owned the boat, was thrown fifty feet into the air and horribly mangled. Byman was blown into pieces. The boiler was thrown through the top of the boat and landed some distance away in the river. The tug immediately sank in fifteen feet of water.

It is reported that an unknown man employed on the barge was also killed. The barge was not injured in the explosion.

The tug was built at Patty's Island, N. J., in 1868, and her boilers were put in by A. L. Archbault & Co., of Philadelphia. She was controlled by the firm of Williams & Bull. Frank Williams, the senior member, is a nephew of the captain who was killed. A relief tug dispatched to the scene has not yet returned.

Captain Williams and Engineer Dunn were both married and leave families.

THE POPE AND CARDINALS.

Christmas Greetings to the Pontiff—The Pope's Speech in Reply—His Jubilee Year Embittered.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

ROME, Dec. 23.—There was a picturesque scene in the Pope's private library at noon to-day, when all the cardinals living in Rome gathered there to present the pontiff with their Christmas greetings. All the visitors wore their gorgeous red robes. A remarkable fact was that, with the exception of Cardinal Santo Stefano and Cardinal Parocchi, all the assembled prelates appeared exceptionally well animated and full of plans for the future.

Cardinal Santo Stefano, as doyen of the Sacred College, read the congratulatory address. The Pope spoke at some length in reply and expressed keen sorrow at the fact that his jubilee year was embittered by painful events, referring evidently to the divorce bill. The pontiff in this connection remarked: "What they want is the fall of Christian order and the reconstruction of the states on the basis of Pagan naturaliza."

The Pope pleaded for a spread of Christian democracy "on the lines preached by the Church to oppose the seditious socialistic democracy which acknowledges no God."

After receiving the apostolic benediction the cardinals withdrew.

ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY.

Died Yesterday of Old Age in London, England—Ill for Some Time.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The Most Rev. Frederick Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury and primate of all England, who had been ill for some time past, is dead.

The Archbishop of Canterbury passed away quite peacefully at 8:15 o'clock this morning in the presence of his wife and two sons. The primate died of old age. The pathetic scene in Westminster Abbey at the coronation of King Edward was one of the earlier indications of his failing strength. Then came the collapse in the House of Lords, at the conclusion of a vigorous speech in support of the educational bill. He had not left his bed since. He will be buried at Canterbury. The Bishop of Winchester is considered likely to be his successor.

FOUND IN A WELL.

Body of John Miller, Believed to Have Been Murdered Near Winston.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Dec. 23.—A special to the *Observer* from Winston-Salem says.

The body of John Miller, a young man who had not been seen since Sunday night was found in a well at Byerly's brickyard one mile east of Winston, late this afternoon. It is believed that Rufus Stevenson, who committed suicide yesterday afternoon, and his brother Sandy Stevenson, killed Miller and threw him in the well. Sandy Stevenson was arrested near the Stokes county line this afternoon and brought back for investigation. He is in jail. A negro woman tells the officers that the Stevenson brothers and Miller were at her house Sunday and the latter had money. All of them were drinking.

FIRE AT HICKORY, N. C.

Opera House and Other Buildings Burned. Loss Estimated at $50,000.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Dec. 23.—Fire which broke out in Elliott's Opera House at Hickory, N. C., this morning did damage estimated at $50,000, with $20,000 insurance. The origin of the fire is attributed by some to an incendiary, while others claim that it was due to firecrackers. Following are the principal losses and insurance: J. D. Elliott, opera house, loss $12,000, insurance $4,000; F. B. Ingold, hardware, loss $5,000, insurance $3,000; J. S. Seltner & Sons, dry goods, loss $9,000, insurance $4,000; T. E. Field, loss $4,000, insurance $4,000; E. B. Menzies, druggist, loss $800, insured.

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DISCUSSED IN A CABINET MEETING.

Views For and Against the President's Acceptance of Invitation to Arbitrate.

WILL NOT COMMIT HIMSELF.

Some of the Cabinet Oppose Referring Matter to The Hague Tribunal—No Desire to Submit Monroe Doctrine to Arbitrament.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The cabinet spent the entire time of the meeting to-day in the discussion of the Venezuelan situation. Views for and against the President's acceptance of the invitation to arbitrate were discussed. Pending the receipt of the invitation it is stated that the President declines to commit himself as to his course.

Secretary Hay brought to the meeting practically nothing new relating to the situation. No response had been received to the President's original suggestion to the powers that they consent to the reference of the Venezuelan controversy to the arbitration of The Hague tribunal, and no formal request had been received that the President act as arbitrator of the difficulty. That such a request will be received formally and officially is now practically assured. It is known that the President and all of the members of his cabinet at first preferred that the whole question should be referred to The Hague tribunal. It is understood that the President's plan, if he determines to arbitrate, contemplates the appointment of a board of arbitrators. It is stated that the crucial point to come before the arbitration is the famous "Calvo doctrine." This doctrine which was laid down by the greatest Latin-American international lawyers and for many years has been regarded as beyond question by all of the Latin-American republics, denies the right of any nation to intervene diplomatically in behalf of one of its subjects where the courts of the country are open to his application for justice. Thus, Venezuela has asserted that all of these claimants, British, German, Italian, French, might have gone before the Venezuelan courts, and if their causes had been just and so decided by the courts, the government would have paid the judgments. The objection to this view is that no account is taken of miscarriages of justice and of racial antipathies.

It is known that now some members of the cabinet are opposed to referring the matter to The Hague tribunal for these reasons:

In the first place they have no desire to submit the Monroe Doctrine to the arbitrament of any non American tribunal, not even excepting the august and eminently fair tribunal of The Hague; they very much prefer that if this doctrine is to be the subject of arbitration, if it is to be even brought in incidentally, that American influences shall pass on it. Another reason that animates these cabinet officers in this inclination toward acceptance, is their conviction that an inordinate length of time will be consumed if the issue is taken before The Hague tribunal. This would lengthen the period of the blockade, with danger of actual hostilities.

Important Communication.

LONDON, December 23.—An important and lengthy communication dealing with the British views of the arbitration of the Venezuela dispute was made by Foreign Secretary Lansdowne to the United States Charge d'Affaires, M. White, this evening. It was transmitted immediately to Washington by Mr. White.

Lord Lansdowne's communication contains no final decision further than a lengthy statement of what is expected by Great Britain. Notifications have been received at the Foreign Office here from Germany and Italy that the announcements of their blockade of the Venezuelan coast have been gazetted.

RECEIVER APPOINTED.

For the William R. Trigg Shipbuilding Company at Richmond, Va.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

RICHMOND, VA., Dec. 25.—This afternoon the William L. Trigg Shipbuilding Company, of this city, was placed in the hands of a receiver. The order was issued by Judge Grinnan, of the Chancery Court, upon a bill filed by S. H. Hawes & Company, coal dealers, for supplies furnished the company, amounting to $2 048 65. Judge Grinnan appointed Mr. Lilburn T. Myers, vice president of the company, receiver, under bond of $50,000. The amount of the claims and liens already filed is about $150,000.

Receiver Myers said this evening: "If I carry out my plans, which have been hurriedly formed, I hope and believe I shall be able to take the works out of the hands of a receiver in a comparatively short time."

The Trigg plant, which was established several years ago, has built a number of torpedo boats and torpedo boat destroyers for the government and has under construction and nearly completed, a cruiser—the Galveston. In mechanical and laboring circles, Some 6,000 persons are interested in the success of the works.

The receiver issued to-night a statement showing that the work would be resumed and steps had already been taken for reorganization. The indebtedness, as represented by the bonds and preferred and common stock, is as follows: First mortgage bonds, $1,000,000; secured mortgage bonds, $1,000,000; preferred stock, $750,000; common stock, $1,000,000. Assets not given.

FATALLY WOUNDED.

Young Man Shot by a Young Woman Near Jackson, Tenn.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

JACKSON, TENN., Dec. 23.—To-day at Toone Station, a village near this city, Miss Lizzie Hillhouse, a prominent young woman in the locality, shot and fatally wounded a young man named Marsh. She called Marsh from the breakfast table, seized him by the arm and with her disengaged hand fired six shots from a revolver into his body. Marsh was to have been married soon.

in a fight over a game of dice at Pensacola, Fla., Walker Humphreys, a conductor on the Louisville and Nashville road, shot and instantly killed W. M. Barnett, a grocery man. The coronor's jury rendered a verdict saying Humphrey's acted in self defence.

For Whooping Cough use CHENEY'S EXPECTORANT.

For sale by J. C. Shepard.

THE BLOCKADE OF VENEZUELAN PORTS.

Several Sailing Vessels Captured by Warships—Red "D" Line Steamer Caracas Allowed to Enter La Guaria.

By Cable to the Morning Star

CARACAS, VENEZUELA, Dec. 23.—The Red "D" Line steamer Caracas safely entered the harbor of LaGuaira at 8 o'clock this morning. The mail, freight and passengers of the Caracas were landed at 10 o'clock. The captain of the British cruiser Tribune notified the commander of the Caracas that throughout her stay at LaGuaira she must leave the harbor every night. This measure is regarded as vexatious and causes great expense to the owners of the steamer.

The decision to admit the Caracas was not arrived at without some difficulty, due it is claimed here to the lack of unity of action on the part of the allies. The commander of the British cruiser Tribune yesterday notified Mr. Schuck, the consul of Great Britain, that the Caracas could enter the port of LaGuaira to-day. The Tribune then sailed from LaGuaira, leaving the Italian cruiser Giovanni Bausan in charge of the blockade. The first act of the commander of the Bausan was to notify the agents of the Red "D" Line that the Caracas would not be allowed to land her passengers, mails or freight Mr. Boulton, of Boulton & Company, agents of the line, and all the foreign merchants entered protests against the Italian commander's decision as violating the terms of the decree establishing the blockade. Meanwhile, Lieutenant Commander Diehl, of the Marietta, after an hour's conference with the Italian commander, succeeded in convincing him he was wrong in his interpretation of the blockade decrees and finally the Captain of the Giovanni Bausan assured Lieutenant Commander Diehl that the Caracas would be allowed to enter the port of LaGuaira without hindrance.

The German warship which passed LaGuaira Sunday towing two large schooners was the Panther. She captured the vessels near Maracaibo.

The German cruiser Gazelle arrived at LaGuaira yesterday morning and sailed again at noon.

The Bausan and the Tribune captured the following prizes yesterday: The schooner Castor, loaded with salt, from Araya; the schooner Maria Luisa, with cargo of cocoa on board from Caronero; the sloop Josefita Carmin de Vega, loaded with a general cargo, from Caronero; the sloop Cornelia, from Guanteaud.

CARACAS, Dec. 23.—Lieutenant Commandor Diehl at 4 o'clock this afternoon endeavored to obtain from the commanders of the foreign warships at LaGuaira an extension of a few hours in the time given the steamer Caracas to remain at her dock in order that she might finish unloading. His request to this end was refused and he did not insist. The commanders of the blockading warships explained that they were acting on the orders of the British admiral and that the orders given to permit the Caracas to discharge more than the mail had been given to satisfy Commander Diehl. The Caracas consequently left her berth at LaGuaira at 6 o'clock, when she had landed not more than two thirds of her cargo. To-morrow the steamer will cruise before LaGuaira and take on passengers and mails but on no account is she to enter the port. Mr. Boulton, of Boulton & Company, has entered a protest with the American consul and the American minister here against the action taken with regard to the Caracas.

PUERTO CABELLO, Dec. 23.—This port has been effectively blockaded since yesterday. The blockade is being enforced against vessels of all nationalities.

CARACAS, Dec. 23.—The port of Coro, which is surrounded on the land side by the revolutionists, is not blockaded. In Caracas this fact is believed to mean that the British and German fleets are working in harmony with the revolutionists and not blockading Coro in order to allow the free entrance of a Dutch schooner from Curacao, bringing arms and ammunition to the rebels.

LAGUAIRA, Dec. 23.—The allies have advised foreign consuls here that steamers reaching LaGuaira before December 30th will be allowed to enter port and discharge their cargoes during the day, but they will not be allowed to take cargo on board.

This ruling has created general dissatisfaction here. As there is no export duty on goods shipped from Venezuela the ruling does not affect the government. Only the ship workers are affected.

All mail steamers reaching here after December 30 will be boarded from the blockading squadron and neutral passengers and mails will be sent ashore under a flag of truce. No exception to this ruling in the matter of nationality will be made.

A schooner which attempted to enter port at half-past nine to-night was captured.

LUMBER MILL FIRE.

Eight Dry Kilns and Over Two Million Feet of Lumber Destroyed.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NORFOLK, VA, Dec. 23.—A fire which started at 8 o'clock to-night in the large lumber mills of the John L. Roper Lumber Co., at Gilmerton, six miles from Norfolk, on the Southern branch of the Elizabeth river, had up to 11:30 o'clock destroyed eight immense dry kilns and over two million feet of lumber. At midnight it was burning with renewed fury and had not been in the least gotten under control, as there is no great amount of fire fighting apparatus on the scene except the volunteer and bucket brigades. It is considered that there is little chance of saving any of the kilns and lumber. President John L. Roper stated that he was unable to estimate the loss, but it will be very considerable.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

In the Case of J. B. Ewing, Shot and Killed on Southern Railway Car.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ATLANTA, GA, Dec. 23.—The coroner began an inquest this afternoon upon the body of James B. Ewing, who was shot and killed last night in the smoking compartment of a northbound Southern Railway train within the city limits of Atlanta. Frederick L. Stephenson, the murderer, was shown by all the evidence to have been in an advanced state of intoxication when he fired the fatal shot. The killing was entirely unprovoked. Stephenson admits that he was intoxicated and says he has no recollection of the affair. The coroner adjourned the inquest until the day after Christmas.

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PRINCESS LOUISE AND HER HUSBAND.

A Court Scandal That Has Created a Great Sensation in Dresden.

FLED FROM CROWN PRINCE.

Sought Refuge in Geneva, Switzerland, Accompanied by Her Brother - Estrangement Irreparable--Decree of Divorce Talked Of.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, Dec. 23.—The Crown Princess of Saxony is here under the name of Fraulein von Oben. Her brother, Archduke Leopold Ferdinand, and Prof. Gion are at the hotel. The archduke has assumed the name of de Burlano. The party are living quietly and propose to spend Christmas here.

BERLIN, Dec. 23.—A dispatch from Dresden this evening to the *Lokal Anzieger* confirms previous advices from Geneva to the effect that the Crown Princess of Saxony is in Geneva with Prof. Gion, a French teacher of languages, whom she met during her last trip to Paris. He is described as 24 years of age and "of striking personality, with large bright eyes."

DRESDEN, SAXONY, Dec. 23.—King George and the Crown Prince Frederick know where the Crown Princess Louise has sought refuge, but they have decided to accept the estrangement of the princess and her husband as irreparable. They have made the cabinet privy to the circumstances of the princess' flight as they see them, and a decree of divorce is talked of as a necessary sequence to the princess' resolution to leave the court forever.

This determination the princess announced to her husband early in November, after one of their frequent violent scenes. She also confided her intention to separate herself utterly from the court and "all its wretchedness," to two or three of her intimate friends and discussed with them the impossibility of her longer enduring the artificial etiquette of the court and the "forced companionship of a man who was loathsome to her."

The Princess wrote to her mother at the end of November that it was her purpose to leave the crown prince and give up the prospect of the queenship, which, instead of being attractive, the princess frequently said, was detestable to her. She formally told members of her entourage that she was going to visit her parents at Salzburg. The letter of the princess to her mother brought the archduchess immediately to Dresden. She implored her daughter to reconsider her determination and make the best of an unpleasant situation for the sake of her children and see as little of the crown prince as permissible. The princess replied, according to one of her confidants, that she would see no more of that "beast," that the tutelage of her children was largely taken out of her hands, and that she could not bear to see them spoiled by "the hypocrisies of the court." What she complained of in the prince was his intemperance, his infidelities and, as her partisans affirm, his cruelty of disposition. They affirm he has had for years a liason with an actress, named Baste, and it is credibly reported that at a review of troops at Grimma, a couple of years ago, the prince fell from his horse, intoxicated, in front of his regiment. However true these incidents may be, the court and all Dresden knew that a chasm separated the affections of the crown princess from the crown prince. Though he seemingly had genuine admiration for his wife, the Prince did his share of quarrelling and often tried to impose his will upon her, but he always hoped that she would in the end humble herself. His attitude recently, until she had actually gone, appears to have been that of disdainful indifference and disbelief that she really intended to carry out her threats.

The crown princess' days at Salzeburg were spent in controversy with her father, who did not excuse her for a moment in her mad desire to leave her position and family. Her brother, Archduke Leopold Ferdinand, took his sister's part.

The circumstances of the princess' flight are still obscure here and no further reliable news is available. The only fact that seems clear is that the king and crown prince know where she is and are in communication with here, but it is learned that she is absolutely intractable.

Dresden is absorbed by the sensation. The theory that the crown princess is suffering from mental aberration is now only feebly propagated by the Saxon court and the crown prince's adherents intimate that an illicit love affair is the cause of the princess' desertion.

The *Dresdner Nachrichten*, one of the principal newspapers, and having conservative leanings, after saying it could almost be sorry for the princess, with a disposition incompatible with that of the prince and disliking the etiquette of his court, suggests that "to find the reason for her departure one must find the man." The man in this case, who is associated by gossip with the princess, is a handsome Frenchman, who was a tutor to the princess' children. He was peremptorily discharged by order of the crown prince December 2nd.

The crown princess has a lively Viennes manner. She was independent and high spirited and was inclined to ridicule the observances of the little Saxon court, which takes itself most seriously.

The crown prince, who has recovered from the injury sustained while hunting, drove out to-day with two of his sons.

CANDY FACTORY FIRE

Employes Forced to Jump From Windows. A Number Injured—Two Fatally.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ST. JOSEPH, MO., Dec. 23.—Fire broke out this morning in Chase & Sons candy manufactory. Sophia Mintus, aged fifteen, and Mattie Leslie, aged twenty, employes, jumped from a third-story window and were fatally hurt. There were fifty girls employed in the factory and many others jumped from second and third story windows, some sustaining slight injuries. Laura Crawford, May Dakin and Rosie Kraus were injured about the head by jumping but not fatally. The factory had been running night and day to fill holiday orders and the night and day forces were changing at the time the fire broke out. The loss is $100,000.

BOUGHT BY A. C. L.

Georgia Northern Railroad, Extending From Pidcock to Albany, Ga.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

MACON, GA., Dec. 23.—The Georgia Northern railroad, extending from Pidcock to Albany, a distance of 70 miles, has been bought by the Atlantic Coast Line. The price was something over $500,000. The stock was held by the Pidcock Brothers.

WARM WIRELETS

Call at Burke's jewelry store to-day and see those holiday novelties in gold and silver, South Front street.

Former President Cleveland, who has been on a duck shooting trip in South Carolina, returned to Princeton, N. J., yesterday in excellent health.

Everett Fairless, aged 16, at Sherman, Texas, killed Thomas Barker, a farmer. Barker some years ago killed the father of young Fairless, was tried for murder and acquitted.

Rear Admiral Winfield S. Schley is ill, suffering with an acute attack of lumbago. His condition, however, is not at all serious, though the attack will confine him to his bed for a few days.

The Greek steamer Parthenon, having on board a crew of twenty-two men and six passengers, is reported to have been lost. The Parthenon was last reported at Novorossisk, November 28th, from Taganron.

Messrs. Miller and Mahan, partners in a general store at West Point, Ark., had a difficulty over business affairs and shot each other. Mahan was killed instantly and Miller died a few hours later.

John T. McLean, head of the brokerage firm of J. T. McLean & Company, was expelled from the Consolidated Stock Exchange, New York. The charge against him was that he had been guilty of actions detrimental to the welfare of the exchange.

The directors of the New York Central and allied railroad lines met yesterday and declared the regular dividends, except that the Canada Southern dividend was fixed at one per cent. for the six months. Last year it was 1½ per cent.

The Columbus, Ga., Water Works Company has been placed in the hands of a receiver, W. S. Greene, of Savannah, by the U. S. court. The bonded indebtedness is $400,000; the capital stock $210,000 and the value of the property as returned for taxation $124,000.

The Crescent Pharmacy, 107 Princess street, has just received an elegant line of the celebrated Lyons Candies in fancy baskets. Just the thing for Xmas presents.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

☞ NOTICES For Rent or Sale, Lost or Found, Wants, and other short Miscellaneous Advertisements inserted in this Department, in solid Nonpariel Type, for 1 cent per word each insertion; but no advertisement taken for less than 30 cents. Terms positively cash in advance.

For Convenience and comfort have a gas heater placed in your bed-room. Prices $1 50 and up. Consolidated Railways, Light and Power Co dec 24 1t

Lost—On Front or Market street, between Second and Princess, three gold pins and two pair silver cuff buttons. Reward if returned to 311 North Fifth street. dec 14 1t*

Lost—Bunch of keys (4) at Postoffice Monday morning. Reward for recovery. Leave at General Delivery Window. dec 24 1t

Christmas Oyster Roasts. We are better than ever prepared to furnish the public with the finest of oysters for the holidays. W. H. Stokely, Wright-ville Sound. dec 24 1t

Mechanics Home Associat on opens a new serie or Building and Loan stock twice a year (January and July). The 35th series will be opene January 3 d, 1901 Payments 25 cents a share per week. N. Jacobi, President W. M. Cummins, Secretary. we fr sa dec 10 14t

Grocery Business for Sale—Because unsuited to my taste, I will sell at cost a clean stock of Groceries and transfer lease on one of the best corners in city. Grocer, care STAR dec 23 tf

Wanted—Position by young man; married; good solicitor; good collector; good salesman; experienced in grocery business. Have tact and ambition. Have knowledge of bookkeeping. Could fill clerical railway position. Reference furnished. Address "Try Me," care the Daily STAR. dec 23 3t

Wanted—Two (2) good reliable men to sell Teas, Coffees, Spices, etc., in Wilmington and vicinity. Apply to W. L. Bissinger, No. 101 N. 6th St., Wilmington, N. C., or address Grand Union Tea Company, No. 3019 Washington Ave., Newport News, Va. dec 23 3t

Wanted—A Farm on the seacoast containing from 50 to 500 acres. Address J. K. L. care STAR dec 21 3t

Notice—The tug-boat LaChiquita having been sold by J. L. Russ to Peter Simpson, all persons having claims against said boat will present them to me within thirty days from the date of this notice. This the 18th day of December, 1902. Robert G. Grady. dec 19 30t

Wanted—A trustworthy gentleman or lady in each county to manage business for an old established house of solid financial standing. A straight, bona fide weekly salary of $18.00 paid by check each Wednesday with all expenses direct from headquarters. Money advanced for expenses. Manager, 330 Caxton Bldg, Chicago. dec 2 1m

Call at Winstead's for all kinds of foreign and domestic fruit; Bananas a specialty No. 213 Market and 215 North Front street. Bell 'Phones 203 and 637. oc 29 tf

Sewing Machines, Typewriters, Organs and Furniture repaired, cleaned and revarnished; Upholstering done also. H J. Gruman's headquarters for Wall Paper. J. B. Farrar, No. 814 North Second street. my 16 tf

Call and Examine Our

FINE LOT OF

Christmas Goods.

Royal Cluster Raisins.
Finest Seeded Raisins and Currants.
Freshest Nuts of all kinds, shelled and in the shell.
Roquefort, Edam and Pineapple Cheese,
and almost every other article in our line for the Holidays.

WILMINGTON GROCERY CO.,
JNO. L. BOATWRIGHT, Manager.
Both 'Phones No. 14. dec 16 tf

Important Notice.

We wish to inform our regular customers as well as the public at large that we have just received a consignment of Foreign Wines, which we offer to everybody at the following low price for a short time only:

Rhine Wine, Vintage		1898,	per gal.,	$1.00
Port	"	1900,	" "	1.00
Claret	"	1900,	" "	1.00
Port	"	1890,	" "	2.00

Samples FREE at store.
Best Parent Flour, O. B., per barrel $4.50.
Agent for celebrated Golden Irish Shad Netting.
Regular Hams 12c per pound.
JNO H. KUCK,
Importer and Bottler,
No. 6 North Water St.
Bell 'Phone 185. no 2 tf

What For Christmas?

That old puzzling question is up again. Read the answer in my window.

Fresh shipment Wileys' Chocolates and Bon Bons; none nicer.

HARDIN'S
Palace Pharmacy,
126 South Front Street.
dec 23 tf Call both 'Phones 55.

FOR RENT,

Stores, Dwellings, Offices, &c.

nov 29 tf D O'CONNOR

"THE FAVORITE."

"The Favorite" Barber Shop is now more attractive than ever. Recent improvements make it more pleasing to the eye; while it still maintains its old reputation for the very best service to its patrons.

GUION & DAVIS,
no 19 tf 7 South Front Stree

"There is a Best In Everything! In Paint It's Davis'."

Guaranteed 100 Per Cent. Pure.

This is putting it mighty strong, but it is nevertheless true.

Be Wise in Your Economy.

Don't be deceived by the argument that it costs less to paint your building with inferior or adulterated paint, because the paint costs less per gallon.
Sold and guaranteed by

The Coal, Cement and Supply Co.,
Sole Distributors,
dec 19 tf Wilmington, N. C.

REPORT

OF THE CONDITION OF THE ATLANTIC National Bank, of Wilmington, N. C., at the close of business, November 25, 1902.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts		$1,162,406 63
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured		940 32
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation		95,100 00
U. S. Bonds to secure U. S. Deposits		172,800 00
Stocks, securities, etc		18,069 69
Banking house, furniture, and fixtures		20,000 00
Other Real Estate owned		10,000 00
Due from National Banks (not Reserve Agents)		91,651 63
Due from State Banks and Bankers		115,926 25
Due from approved reserve agents		106,304 86
Notes of other National Banks	$10,000 00	
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents	1,854 16	
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz: Specie	$36 545 00	
Legal tender notes	101,300 00	147,599 16
Redemption fund with U. S. Treas'r (5 per cent. of circulation)		4,700 00
Total		$1,943,078 52

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in		$ 195,000 00
Surplus fund	$195,000 00	
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	35,757 08	160,757 08
National Bank notes outstanding		95,100 00
Due to other National Banks	271,853 09	
Due to State Banks and Bankers	287,541 70	
Dividends unpaid	892 00	
Individual deposits subject to check	801,030 99	
Certified checks	4,696 30	
Cashier's checks outstanding	44,887 56	
United States deposits	173,800 00	1,564,221 44
Total		$1,943,078 52

State of North Carolina, county of New Hanover, ss.:

I, Andrew Moreland, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

ANDREW MORELAND, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of November, 1902.

W. C. ARMSTRONG, Notary Public.

CORRECT—Attest:
C. W. YATES,
R. A. PARSLEY,
GEO. R. FRENCH,
} Directors.

nov 27 tf

"El Capitan."

High quality 10c Cigar.

"CUBAN BLOSSOM."

No better 5c Cigar.

We guarantee the sale of these goods, so if not sold we take them back. We accept the risk, you get the gain. You are safe on a trade of that kind. If the goods did not have both quality and merit we would not talk so loud. Try them for

XMAS PRESENTS.

VOLLERS & HASHAGEN,
Wholesale Distributors.
dec 21 tf

Shoes! Shoes! Shoes!

Shoes for the old Folks,
Shoes for the young Folks;
Shoes for the big Folks,
Shoes for the little Folks;
Shoes for the ugly Folks,
Shoes for the pretty Folks;
All kinds of Shoes for all kinds of Folks.

Our specialties, you know, are

Douglas Shoes and Duttenhofer Shoes.

Large lots of these just received and more are coming, besides large order for later shipment.

As we sell only for cash, and keep no books, we can and do sell Shoes cheaper than others who do keep books.

Try us and save money.
Respectfully,

Mercer & Evans Co.,
Same Old Place.
dec 20 tf

Just Received.

New lot Library Lamps. A beautful lot of Pictures; Enamel Beds from $3.75 up. Nice Line Rockers, Trunks and Stoves. New lot Felt Mattresses. Come and see us and get our prices. We guarantee to undersell any firm in the city.

GASTON D. PHARES & CO.
Inter-State 'Phone 76. 110-112 Market street.
sep 14 tf

Storage of Peanuts.

To any one wishing to store Peanuts, will say, we are amply prepared to store them at a reasonable cost, and we will make liberal cash advances on peanuts stored with us.

D. L. GORE CO.,
Wholesale Grocers,
118 to 125 North Water street,
dec 20 tf Wilmington, N. C.

It is for you to say

If you know what first class goods are, as to quality and style. After seeing my line call and judge for yourself.

J. T. BURKE,
THE JEWELER,
27 South Front St.
dec 13 tf

For the Christmas Holidays AND PRESENTS FOR OLD SANTA CLAUS.

Wilmington's Big Racket Store

Can offer you the best selection and the greatest variety of any Store in the State.

In buying your toys we would ask you to compare our prices with other's prices. In dolls, we have the handsomest line we have ever had. Nice jointed dolls, 14 inches long, at 25c each; 15-inch kid dolls at 25c each; kid dolls with hair at 12c each. Very handsome handwork dolls, with natural hair and sewed wigs, jointed, at $1.00, $1.70 and $2.00. With long flowing curly hair and movable eyes, as pretty as a dream, at $2.75 and $3.50 each. For the boys, air rifles, foot balls, games, express wagons, drums and plenty of fireworks of all kinds.

And the best thing of all, we have a big stock of Boys' Clothing that we bought at 25 per cent. less than value. An all wool suit, nicely made up, as low as $2.00 and up to $5.00; 500 suits to select from. In Boys' Pants, we have the best stock we have ever had, made from mill ends of American Woollen Company's cloths, every pair made with tape seams throughout and warranted not to rip. We sell them for 50c a pair. A nice line of Boys' White Laundried Waists at 50c; heavy Cheviot Waists at 25c each.

Ladies' ready-to-wear Hats—We are having a regular Hat sale; a very large line that we are selling at less than manufacturer's cost. Nice pretty hats at 48c; regular $1.50 hats for 75c and 89c; our $1 hats are $2 values. In this line we consider we are selling them at half-price.

Received to-day, a big line of birds and parrots—good black parrots 50c each; large birds are 69c and 98c each. In veilings we have lots of different styles; chiffon veilings with dots at 25c per yard, in all colors; pretty silk veiling for 10c per yard.

In ladies' Cloaks we have had a phenomenal success this season; we have carried the stock of the town. Just received, 21 new cloaks to-day. Our prices are what counts—when a customer gives us an opportunity to show our goods and make a price we never fail to make a sale.

We have good beaver coats in red, blue, tan and black, at $2.98. A line of black beaver coats in the newest shapes at $3.50; better coats at $5, $6 and up to $10 each.

In furs we are showing a nice assortment and selling them at the lowest prices. If you are thinking of buying a fur, come to see us—the prices run from $1 to $5 each.

Trunks and Valises—These make valuable presents. We have a nice line of very fine Trunks that would be a credit to give your friends. We have a line of the best roller tray Trunks, worth $9 to $15 each. Splendid canvas Trunks, with brass locks and heavy straps, at $3 and up to $5 each. Nice heavy leather Suit Cases for $6.95, regular $10 cases. Club Bags, all leather, from 85c to $4 each; imitation leather, from 29c to 98c; imitation leather Suit Cases for $1 50 each.

In our Men's Clothing Department our sales have been the best we have ever known. In this department we credit our great success to the style, quality and fit of our goods and the last and best feature is, we undersell our competitors. We can fit you in a suit anywhere from $1.98 to $12 50; we would like for you to look at them before you buy elsewhere. Men's Overcoats, we have all grades and kinds, all prices, from $3 to $12 50 each. We also have a line of Rubber Clothing; men's water-proof coats, rubber lined, at $1.50 each; Mackintoshes, with cape, at $1.39 each; Ladies' Gossamers at $2.50 and $3.50 each; a workingman's coat for rainy weather at $1.50 each; a doctor's or sea captain's coat, absolutely water proof, for $5.

We want to impress on your mind that while we handle a big line of toys and holiday goods we also handle a big line of other goods for every purpose and we punch cards and give you presents free. Come and see us.

GEO. O. GAYLORD, PROPRIETOR.

Wilmington's Big Racket Store,

dec 14 tf

On a Cold Morning

YOU NEED A FIRE TO DRESS BY.
FOR CONVENIENCE AND COMFORT HAVE A

Gas Heater

Placed in your bed-room

Prices From $1.50 Up.

NO KINDLING
NO ASHES.
A MATCH--AND IT IS DONE

Consolidated Railways, Light and Power Co.
dec 21 3t

Cut Prices

All Pattern Hats at Cost.

$25.00	Hats	at	$15.00.
16.00	"	"	10.00.
8.50	"	"	5.00.

Walking and ready to wear Hats that were $1.50, $1.75, $2.50 and $3.00, all at 98 cents.

Three hundred Reffer Jackets from 75c to $1.25. Sizes 6 to 14 years.

Men's large Initial Handkerchiefs 10 cents.

Men's all Silk Handkerchiefs 2 for 25 cents.

Men's all Silk Initial Handkerchiefs 25 and 50 cents.

Ladies' Embroidered Handkerchiefs 5, 10 and 25 cents.

Large all Silk Mufflers 50 cents to $1.50.

Men's all Linen Handkerchiefs 25 to 50 cents.

We have a few Monte Carlo Coats in Tan, Ecru and Brown at $7.60 to $13.50. A big line of all colors in Coats at $2.50, $3.50, $6.00 to $12 50.

A full line of Skirts and Suits at surprisingly low prices.

If you wish to make crazy Quilts come and buy a 25c bag of Silk Scraps, it will make a quilt.

The Paris Millinery Emporium,

129 Market Street, Next Door to Bonitz House,
Wilmington, N. C.
nov 25 tf

Lambs Wool Soles

For Crochet Slippers.
MAIL ORDERS PROMPTLY FILLED.

Solomon's Shoe Store.

dec 14 tf

FOR RENT,

THAT VERY DESIRABLE residence now occupied by Dr. Burbank, No. 307 South Third street; ten rooms. Apply to

D. O'CONNOR,
dec 18 tf Real Estate Agent.

Lands Posted.

The privilege of hunting on my lands near Wilmington having been leased, all persons are hereby warned against shooting, hunting, ranging or otherwise trespassing on said lands
nov 26 tf S. W. NOBLE.